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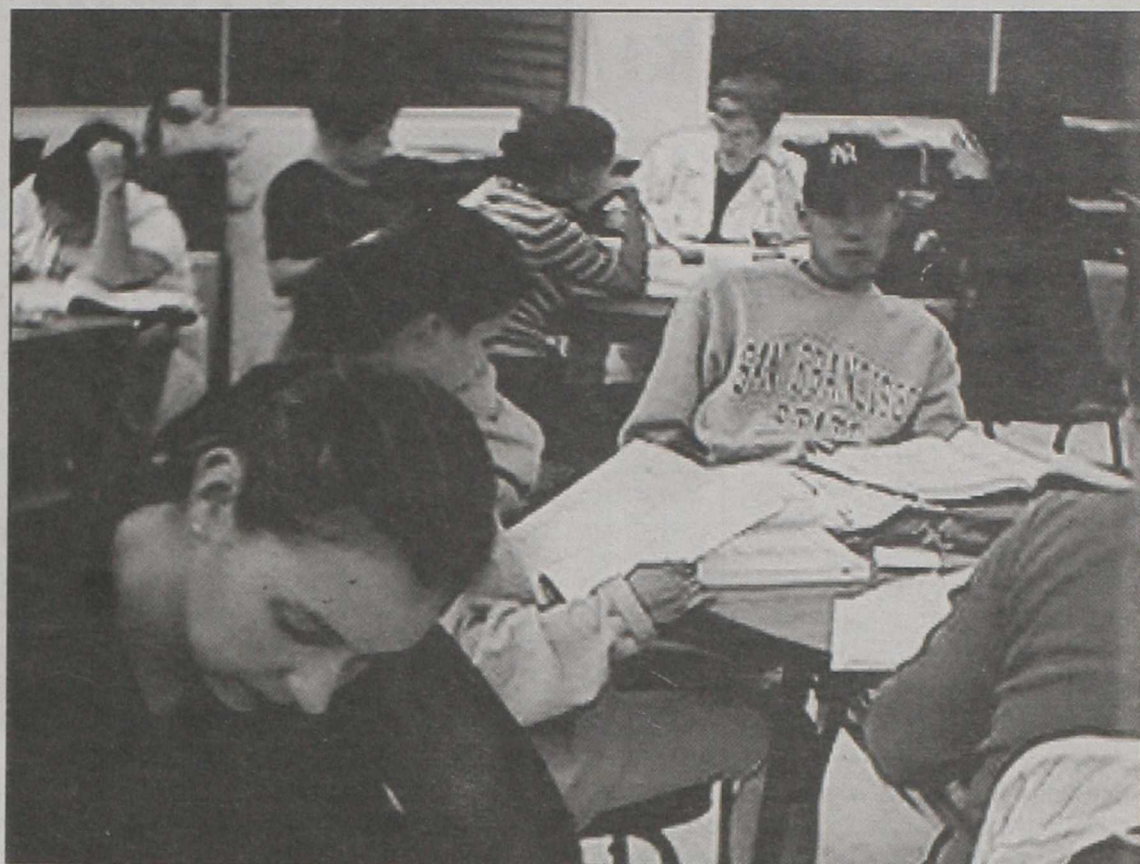
By VERONICA VILLANUEVA
Staff Writer

Controversy has ignited over bilingual education, as Proposition 227, which places extensive limitations on bilingual education in California school districts, was passed into law this summer. It gives students only one year of bilingual instruction in their primary language before they get immersed into "English Only" classes.

"There are different types of bilingual education but there are two major ones—dual and traditional education," said Dr. Nancy Pine, Director of Elementary Education at the Mount. She explained, "Dual education is a program where children are being taught in two languages...Students in the traditional bilingual education [programs] are taught in their primary language for enough years to master learning in their language, so they can transition to English instruction."

Pine believes bilingual education should not be discontinued in schools. "We have to understand that there are students placed in upper grades with any type of education," she explained. She said it is almost impossible for a student with no education to learn in his/her primary language, as the law indicates. "Students need enough time to learn in their primary years to be prepared for transition to English instruction," Pine concluded.

Marta Montevideo, a third year student at California State University, feels many people



Mount students planning on going into education are likely to be affected by the passage of Proposition 227, which places restrictions on bilingual instruction in the classroom. (Photo by Moria Demby)

hear "bilingual education" and think of it as a single program. She said that when the controversy over Proposition 227 began, no one openly questioned or debated about the other kinds of bilingual programs.

Michael Spangler, a math teacher at El Rancho High school, says traditional bilingual education should be eliminated because the students always rely on teachers and paraprofessionals to translate lessons in their language. "Students should learn how to read and write English as soon as possible, so

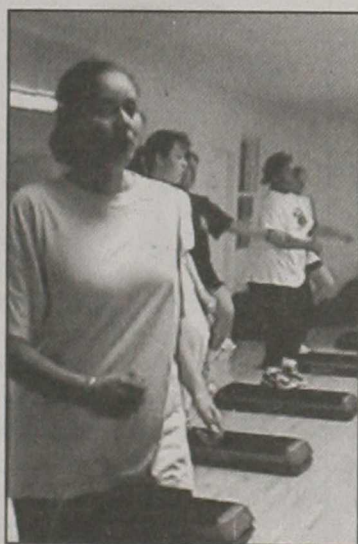
they can learn to be independent," he said. He further explained he has had students for three consecutive years who cannot communicate with him in English because they will not make the effort.

Teresa Aceves, a fourth year liberal studies major, thinks the traditional bilingual program should stay in school because it is already in "full force." "Bilingual education was meant to help children assimilate into our society, but someone, somehow forgot that along the line," Aceves said. "My friend who is

an elementary school teacher has a very difficult time with her former bilingual students because of Proposition 227," Aceves concluded.

Some schools have implemented Proposition 227, while others—including 29 schools in the LA Unified District—continue to protest by filing suit. On January 1999, the proposition will be effective throughout the state, and educators and observers alike are waiting to see what implementing Proposition 227 will mean for students.

Staying Fit at Doheny



(Photo by Moria Demby)

Over the summer, Doheny got a "fitness facelift," complete with a new Fitness Center/Dance Studio.

Aside from offering the usual array of fitness classes students can take for credit, the Fitness Center provides all students, faculty and staff with workout equipment, equipment rentals, "Eat Smart" programs and various workshops throughout the year.

Workshops this semester will include: Weightloss and Dieting, Rollerblading, Rock Climbing, and Hiking.

For Fitness Center hours, please call (310) 954-2674.

By SUMMER CERVANTEZ
Editor

ON CAMPUS BRIEFS: News from Colleges and Universities around the Nation

Campus Conservation Saves Millions

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Thanks to conservation projects on college campuses, \$16.8 million has been saved across the nation. *Green Investment, Green Return*, a new report released recently by the National Wildlife Federation, shows savings of \$16.8 million were achieved through 23 cost-cutting conservation programs at 15 post-secondary institutions across the nation. Savings ranged from \$1,000 to nine million dollars. Possibilities for savings

would be even more higher if the 3,700 higher education institutions in the country began projects of a similar nature.

Labor Secretary Requests Aid to Crack Down on Sweatshops

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, New Jersey — Secretary of Labor, Alexis Herman, on Tuesday urged colleges and universities to implement policies prohibiting them from doing business with clothing manufacturers that use sweatshop labor. In a conference call with reporters from college papers across the country, Herman said that establishing a code of conduct

for the clothing manufacturers with which colleges license their apparel is a major part of a broader international effort to crack down on sweatshops.

Increase in UC Schools minority admission for some programs

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, California — UC officials announced last Thursday that the number of underrepresented students transferring from community colleges into the UC system's math, science and engineering programs has sharply increased because of a statewide recruitment (continued on Page Two)

House Launches Formal Impeachment Inquiry



By SUMMER CERVANTEZ
Editor in Chief

Last Thursday, by a vote of 258 to 176, the House of Representatives authorized its Judiciary Committee to investigate whether or not there are grounds for President Clinton to be impeached for committing perjury and obstructing justice in the concealment of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

This is only the third time in United States history such proceedings have taken place.

The vote was largely party

line. All of the 228 Republican members of the House voted for the resolution, and all but 31 Democrats, most of them conservative, voted against the resolution.

The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Henry Hyde, said he hopes to have the inquiry completed by the new year.

Clinton has pledged his cooperation, but added, "it's not in my hands. It is in the hands of this country, and, ultimately, in the hands of God. There is nothing I can do."

If the inquiry leads to a House vote approving the impeachment resolution, then the matter is sent to the Senate for trial. For conviction, a two-thirds majority is needed.

Speaking for the Democrats, Representative Robert Wexler of Florida, said, "The President betrayed his wife. He did not betray the country."

"What's at stake is the rule of law. Even the president of the United States has no right to break the law," said Republican representative F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. of Wisconsin.

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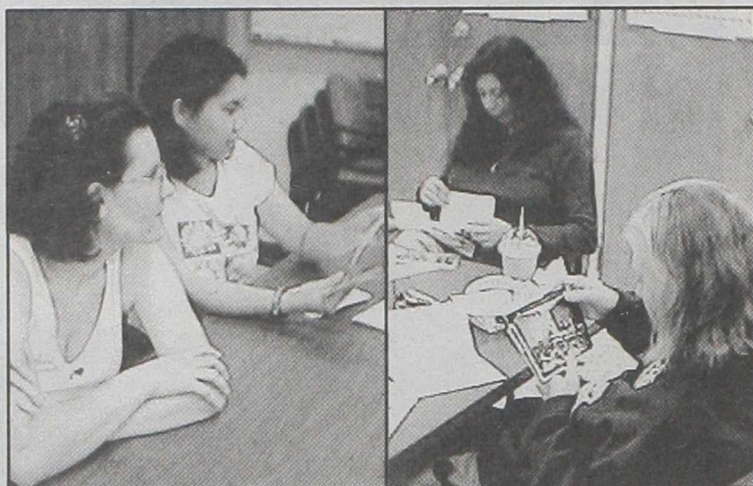
Yearbook: Under Construction

By VARSANA STASZAK
Copy Editor

The Mount's Athenian Yearbook is under construction. The editorial staff is hard at work developing new themes, a cover look and special photo spreads requiring student body input. Brooke Hardcastle, the Editor-in-Chief, is continuing her post from last year, along with many of the same editorial staff members. Monica Lond, advisor to the Yearbook, finds that this continuity is valuable in creating a good book.

Lond says, "I feel fortunate when I find four to five students so willing to give their time to devote themselves to an activity that has no rewards per se." She emphasizes the fact that all the work is purely voluntary.

Staff members work on layout, photography, management,



The Yearbook staff brainstorms for an "Orientation" photo spread. (Photo by Moria Demby)

copy writing, brainstorming, etc. Hardcastle believes the Yearbook teaches "how to deal with deadlines and stress and with certain personalities and people. I like the late nights when a deadline's coming and I feel creative."

When asked to be Yearbook advisor in 1992, Lond entered the job with no previous experience—"The editors have always had yearbook backgrounds and have taught me everything." Hardcastle, a second year student, has worked on yearbooks since her second year in high school.

Since 1992, the yearbook has gone through several transformations. Sixty pages

were added to the book, making it 120 pages long and providing more room for activities and events. Originally, the yearbook was really a book about and for graduating students. Now, it is geared to all students.

The Athenian is aiming for more Doheny interaction and participation because, "it is a total college yearbook," as Lond said. A page for each class level may be seen in the Yearbook in the near future.

"The challenge is to do what you haven't done before, to make each year unique," Lond states. One goal is to use *Yeartech* software in place of laying pages out on paper.

Lond hopes the Athenian staff learns "the need to meet deadlines, technical expertise (publishing programs and leadership interaction), creativity and the idea of how something is produced."

Currently, the editors are creating pages of the 1998 Orientation and a compilation of students' summer experiences. The student body is invited to contribute photos to the Yearbook and is encouraged to join the staff.

GETTING INVOLVED:

Why are staff members on the Yearbook?

"I like making memories for people."

Brooke Hardcastle, Editor-in-Chief

"I was involved in yearbook in high-school as Editor in my Senior Year, and enjoyed it and wanted to continue."

Millicent Ongaco, Assistant Editor

"It's a good team work environment."

Vanessa Perry, Layout Editor

"I enjoy the friendships we've developed and the fact that we work well together."

Mandy Maiorana, Assistant Layout Editor

"Not only is it a fun and new experience for me, but I also enjoy taking pictures."

Durgha Shanmugan, Photo Editor

"It's fun."

Erin Culley, Assistant Photo Editor

Stock Market Trends

By AMANDA PRINCE
Layout Editor

There have been some confusing messages coming from Wall Street lately. Trade began a fairly steady climb in January of 1998 after a tumultuous and nerve-wracking finish in 1997. The market reached record highs in July, with the Dow Jones Industrial closing at 9,337.97 points on July 17; that's 18% up on the indicator for the year. In August, the market took a 300 point drop, once again testing the faith of many investors. However, even with that falter, the market was up 8.4% for the year. Since then, the market has again began to climb the point index. But what does all this mean to investors?

The financial pundits have myriad theories regarding the future of the stock market. While many have shrugged off recent market fluctuations as evidence of "herd psychology," some are warning of a recession.



sion. According to *Time* magazine's Wall Street columnist Daniel Kadlec, "Recessions are hard to spot — you don't know you're in one until it's half over. But the market usually sees it first and declines ahead of it."

Which is precisely what's happened. Kadlec also states that recession worries could be a self-fulfilling prophecy, due to the large number of people who've invested in the market. Even with Asia and Russia's economic troubles, American consumers were still pumping money into the economy.

Last week, as the possibility of President Clinton's impeachment loomed over Wall Street, stocks were up and down. By Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average rallied 167.1 points, or 2.2 percent, to 7,899.52, scoring a 1.5 percent gain for the week.

The end of the week increase in the Dow was due to buyers who scooped up crippled technology and financial shares.

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program. Of the 613 underrepresented students that have transferred from community colleges to four-year colleges, 89 percent were participants in the Mathematics, Engineering, Sciences Achievement Community College Program.

The MESA program was founded in 1991 on a mission to provide advice, services and a learning community for disadvantaged community college students while encouraging interest in math, engineering and the sciences.

Supreme Court Hears NCAA Sexual Discrimination Charges

(U-WIRE) ST. BONAVENTURE, New York — A former St. Bonaventure volleyball player stands at the heart of a sexual bias suit against the NCAA to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, the justices announced Tuesday.

If upheld, it would force the NCAA to defend itself against the accusations of Renee Smith, who played volleyball for the Bonnies from 1991-1993.

If Smith wins her case, the NCAA could be sued under federal

law banning sexual discrimination by any program or activity receiving federal financial aid.

Frat Faces Hazing Charges

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Almost a year and a half after nine former members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity were arrested on charges of hazing and harassment, six of them will go to trial this month.

The nine fraternity members were arrested in March of 1997 on complaints filed by Hunter Bywaters, a biology freshman who pledged the fraternity in the fall of 1996.

In court documents, Bywaters alleged he and other pledges were hazed during "Ranch Night," part of the fraternity's University of Oklahoma football game weekend ritual, which occurred Oct. 11 through Oct. 13 in 1996.

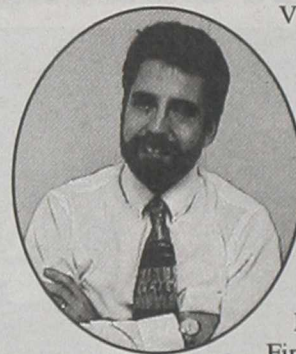
In the documents, Bywaters said he was smeared with food, forced to eat cayenne peppers, paddled, burned with cigarettes and cigars, and shocked with a cattle prod.

Bywaters has since left the University.

Villatoro: A Life in Writing

By VERONICA AGUILERA
Assistant Editor

After months of searching for a Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair of Creative Writing and receiving applications and material from many talented people, the Mount's English Department came to a final decision. They hired Marcos McPeck Villatoro.



Villatoro was born in San Francisco and is the youngest son of a Salvadorean mother and a "gringo father," as Villatoro puts it. He graduated with a double major in English and Philosophy from St. Ambros University in Iowa. He then went on to graduate school and obtained his Master of Arts in English Literary Criticism and his Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

Villatoro explained when his passion for writing first began, "I started writing when I was younger, but didn't write my first book until I was 20 years old." He still remembers the exact day—"It was on September 1, 1982." The name of his first book was "The Death of Three." Villatoro feels that although the book was never published, it was important to him because "it was an exercise in writing" and he got good rejection letters.

After his first book, Villatoro did not publish anything for ten years because he "was not interested in marketing," but he continued to write.

According to Villatoro, the Mount has many talented writers. Therefore, he advises all those who are interested in becoming writers, that if they "have the sickness," then do it. "A writer," he says, "must be thinking about their writing everywhere." But he reminds everybody that being a writer can also "be a cold world."

Villatoro has just finished writing a novel after a year of work titled "In Honor of My Father's Sins." He calls this his "Harley Davidson" novel because it is about the adventure of a Salvadorean woman and an Appalachian man who take a trip on one of his motorcycles. One of his main goals now is to get it published. Another of Villatoro's dreams for the near future is to make *Mount Voices* one of "the best literary magazines in the world." Some of his most recent publications include *Walking Toward La Milpa: Living in Guatemala with Armies, Demons, Abrazos, and Death* and *They Say that I am Two*.

It is said that behind every great man there is a great woman and behind Villatoro there is Michelle, his wife, and his four children Raquel del Carmen, Emily, Jose David, and Ben—all of whom he completely adores.

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Letter to the Editor

New Opportunities for Women's Studies

The Chinese character for "crisis" consists of two elements: "danger" and "opportunity." Last semester the college administration initiated changes in the Women's Studies program that some viewed as a crisis. Those changes, I believe, were not made as a rejection of the program, or of the people who worked so hard to create something from nothing, but as a challenge to our community to elevate the program intellectually and programatically. The danger in that crisis is to misinterpret the college's intent in making the changes it did. The opportunity before us is to seize that invitation and meet that challenge.

The changes were structural and philosophical. Structurally, the program was converted from a free-standing minor to a minor within the Department of History and Political Science. This change gives the Women's Studies program the strength and the voice of one of the college's oldest and most well-regarded departments. Instead of begging at the door for recognition and crumbs of support, the Women's Studies program, through the Department's Chair, Dr. Jim Delahanty, now has a voice at the highest councils of college governance. This change, misinterpreted by some as a weakening of Women's Studies, in real-

ity empowers Women's Studies to an unprecedented degree. In addition to providing access to the decision-making process at the college, this change represents the college's commitment to the role of Women's Studies as an integral component of the intellectual life of the college.

Philosophically, we are challenged to accelerate the movement, so capably begun by those who conceived and created the Women's Studies program, towards integrating Women's Studies into all aspects of the intellectual life of the college. This does not mean abandoning or rejecting the programs already in place. Rather, it means building upon them and seeking new avenues to explore the manifestations of women's unique experience in our history and culture.

There is no better place in California to conduct this exploration than Mount St. Mary's College. Our unique role as an independent, Catholic, liberal arts college for women calls us to take a leadership role in Women's Studies. All of us who care about Women's Studies are determined to meet that challenge. Our goal is nothing less than creating the most innovative and intellectually aggressive values-based Women's Studies program in the nation. We will do that by building on the pioneering work of the faculty and students who introduced Women's Studies to Mount St.

Mary's College and by offering new opportunities for our community to explore the role and influence of women in art, science, music, literature, business, education, culture, technology, and religion throughout history.

Women's Studies takes an uncensored look at women's experience in all aspects of life. While not shying away from the harsh consequences of patriarchy, Women's Studies is, at its core, a celebration of accomplishment and a blueprint for empowerment.

While I feel humbled and privileged to have been asked to play a role in this significant phase in the intellectual growth of our college, that role is, at best, that of a facilitator. As a community of scholars, a college advances by consensus. It is clearly the will of this community to bring Women's Studies more prominently into the service of the quest for understanding we all pursue. How well we meet that challenge is in the hands of the students and faculty of this college. I'm confident that together we possess the strength of intellect and character and will to meet that challenge. In doing so, we will understand yesterday's crisis as a valuable opportunity for growth and improvement.

DR. FRED SIMONELLI
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Program, Department of
History and Political Science

DON'T LET LEWINSKY CASE OVERKILL PREVENT JUSTICE

By Reid Lusk
Rocky Mountain Collegian

Nearly all are sick and tired of the Clinton/Lewinsky saga, seeing no end in sight. Most of us want this whole mess to be cleaned up and dealt with, quickly and efficiently. We want to seek resolution and move on.

But does this mean the House of Representatives should be cajoled into making a deal with Clinton and his lawyers to avoid lengthy impeachment proceedings? No.

Does it mean that Clinton should be let go with a simple slap on the wrist-like censure? Absolutely not. Most people want this situation to vanish, but for entirely the wrong reasons.

They wrongly assert that the quest for truth and justice isn't worth it. In their failure to place blame where blame is due, they've decided to treat the guilty party as the victim.

Play the violin for poor Bill, having to fend off those nasty right-wing conspirators. Maybe the truly culpable are the electorate, who foolishly granted Clinton another four years even though they knew of his tenuous ethical and legal record.

As they did in 1992, and again in 1996, the people of this nation have sheepishly succumbed to Clinton's powerful charismatic appeal, and now they don't want to let go of him, no matter how outrageous his deeds.

In short, they are primarily sick of the investigation and the media hype surrounding it. What they should be sick of is Bill

Clinton. He brought this avalanche on himself through his stubbornness, stalling, and lies. He could end this whole thing right now if he just did what's best for everyone and resigned.

I am fed up with all of the political posturing, the wordplay, the legalisms, the manipulations, the lies, the arrogance, the habitual concealment of truth, and the lack of justice.

If only we had a halfway decent and honest president, with even a shred of integrity and credibility. It would be nice to have a leader we could trust, someone free of Clinton's dirty baggage and tainted reputation.

Even if Clinton is forced out and Gore takes over, America will have to wait until 2000 to get any real change in leadership.

If we're simply sick of the whirlwind of scandal and uncertainty surrounding Clinton, we ought to be utterly nauseated by the man himself. Censure is not good enough to punish Clinton. It is nothing but a message to future politicians that abuse of power carries few consequences. Censure sets the dangerous precedent that basic trustworthiness; credibility and integrity are values that voters no longer demand.

Much of politics is corrupt already; imagine what kind of people it will attract if Clinton is allowed to skate by with only superficial punishment.

If the rule of law means anything, it should be applied to the President the same way it is applied to any other citizen. The constitution states that a president shall be impeached for "high crimes and misdemeanors." If Clinton is guilty of such offenses, then it is irrelevant whether his crimes pertained to covering up sex. The law is the law. Perjury is perjury, witness tampering is witness tampering and obstructing justice is obstructing justice, regardless of motive.

If we say it's OK to lie under oath and obstruct a criminal process, as long as it's about sex, than maybe we'll start inventing other exceptions as well. Perhaps it will be OK to commit fraud or embezzle funds depending on what the motive is.

Bill Clinton is not above the law and Congress needs to stand up and make this clear to him. We have a right to hate and scorn our president, and demand his removal from office. He needs to go.

PRINCE IN PRINT



Amanda Prince

The space each individual occupies can't be fully realized until one faces the loss of that individual. Whether the separation is a result of some intellectual decision, or an involuntary circumstance, the essence is the same: we're pulled apart by life's different courses and left to deal with the emotional turbulence that often results. With high school graduation and the departure of many friends I've become familiar with this reality.

High school graduation was harder than I expected. Aside from a handful of close friends, I was something of a loner throughout high school (largely by choice) and I wasn't really convinced I'd miss my classmates. When graduation day rolled around, several of my similarly convinced friends and I were surprised at our own confusion and tears. Saying goodbye to many teachers

and graduates, a number of whom I had known since the seventh grade, was a painful experience. It was the first time many of us realized we would likely never see one another again, and while we hadn't been the best of friends, we had definitely played a small part in each other's lives.

The ceremony itself was a hazy, surreal experience. From on-stage, the darkened auditorium seemed as though it was an infinite blackness through which we were endlessly tumbling. The audio broadcast was something resembling the way adults always speak in Peanuts' cartoons. Afterwards, we filed out into the sunlit grounds to greet family and friends and say goodbye to each other for the last time. Friendly words were spoken between old rivals and friends posed for snapshots while everyone exulted in a collective feeling of "It's finally over!"

As the summer progressed my thoughts turned to the new school year. I wouldn't be spending it at my old familiar (and confining, I reminded myself) school. Nor would I

pass the year with the same old faces. Instead, I was moving to a hilltop with 500 strangers whose idiosyncrasies and habits were completely unknown to me. I discovered I actually wanted to go through another year with those people—friends and even those who I had never thought so highly of.

Now it's a month in to the school year and although I miss my classmates and friends more than I ever expected to, I'm enjoying my new school. It's weird living with two strangers and although we all get along, they're both sophomores, sorority sisters and best friends. My loner standing has followed me to college, and although I'm still not entirely unhappy with that, it makes adjusting to a new home and school difficult. While it doesn't compensate for their absence, I keep in touch with my friends who have scattered across the country at schools from Harvard to Reed to Cooper-Union and back to UCSD.

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children killing children: The Violent Side of Youth

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Youth violence in the past year has become all too common. Random acts of violence at schools have been highly publicized in the news. Many of these have been perpetrated by males from middle class families in predominantly white, small towns in the Bible belt of America, rather than in the inner cities, as we have generally come to expect.

According to national statistics, juvenile crime is down 9.2%. It is difficult to pinpoint the cause of the recent eruption of teen shootings in America. Five examples provide some common denominators, but no absolute explanation.

May 25, 1997: After what started as a playful paper towel fight, seven-year old Sherrice Iverson is killed in a restroom at the Primadonna Hotel and Casino outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. Jeremy Strohmeier, 17, is videotaped chasing Sherrice into the restroom, where he then strangled her and stuffed her lifeless body into a toilet. Strohmeier's friend, David Cash, also 17, witnessed Sherrice. Cash neither did anything to stop the murder nor did he report the murder.

October 1, 1997: In Pearl, Mississippi, sixteen year old Luke Woodham stabs his mother and then takes a rifle to school. Once there, he opens fire, killing his former girlfriend and another student along with wounding seven others. Grant Boyette, 18, said to have been head of the aloof, intellectual group Woodham and five other boys were a part of, is allegedly behind the events of the day as well as a plot to kill his own father. Both boys are from middle class families with no history of abuse. However, Woodham claims, "I suffered all my life. No one ever truly loved me. No one has ever truly cared about me." Woodham and Boyette were also seen bludgeoning the Woodham family dog to death prior to the incident.

December 1, 1997: Michael Carneal, 14, of West Paducah, Kentucky steps out

from a crowd of students and fires on a student prayer group at Heath High School with a .22 caliber handgun, killing three and wounding five. He is later found to have brought three spare clips of ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns to school. Carneal reports having been previously teased by several members of the prayer group, including Ben Strong, a senior and leader of the prayer group, who also talked Carneal into surrendering after the shooting. Carneal warned Strong not to go to that particular prayer meeting, because he said, "something big's gonna happen." Carneal also wrote about being "weak" and "teased all his life" in past school essays. Again, Carneal comes from a middle class family with no obvious breakdowns.

April 24, 1998: A fire alarm sounds at Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Although there is no fire drill scheduled, no chances are taken and everyone exits onto the school's grounds. It is then that Andrew Golden and Mitchell Johnson, 11 and 13 year old cousins dressed in camouflage, open fire on their school. Four girls and one teacher are killed, ten are wounded-- five critically. The boys, who were spotted by a group of workmen on a rooftop adjacent to the school, were quickly apprehended. The boys were found with two handguns, two rifles and abundant ammunition. The guns were pinched from family collections, and both boys were taught to shoot at early ages. One had prior disciplinary problems and spoke of having "some killing to do." There is no mention of a history of abuse.

April 24, 1998: Fourteen year old Andrew Wurst kills one teacher and wounds three other people at a school dance. Wurst frequently "kidded" about killing people; he also showed his father's handgun to classmates and told them he was going to kill 9 people.

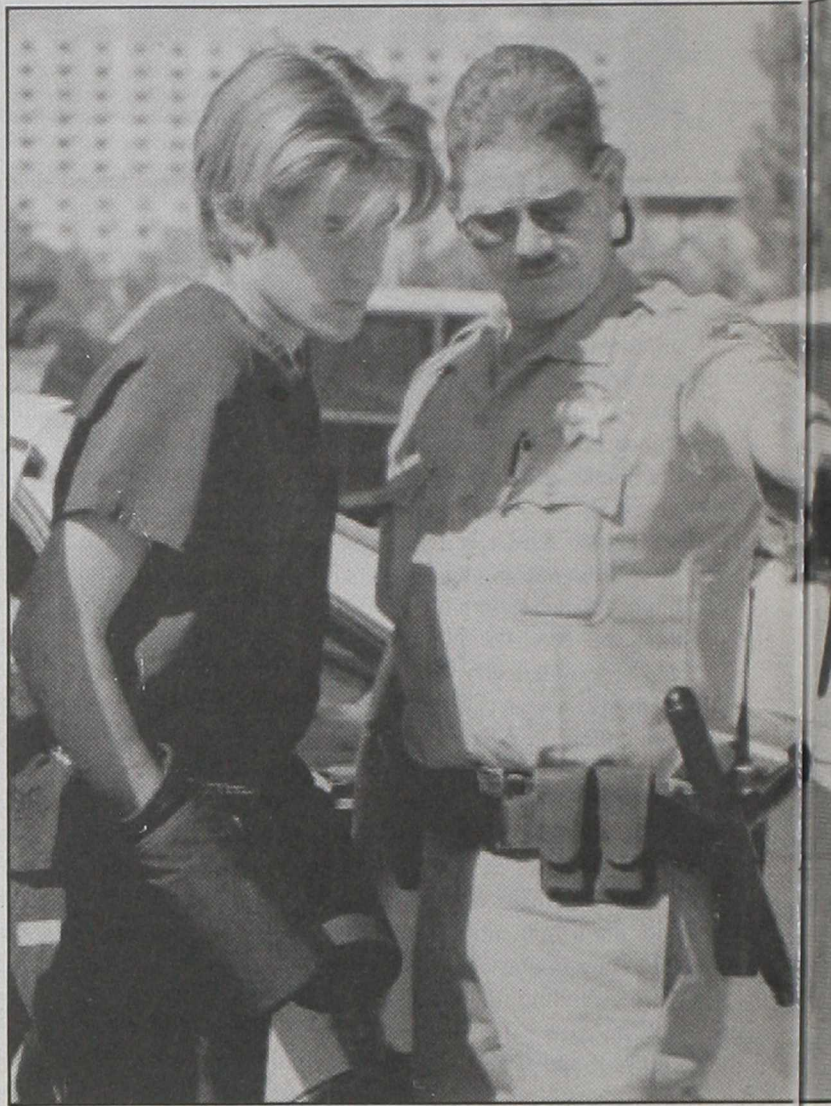
May 21, 1998: After killing both his parents, Kipland P. Kinkel, 15, brings a rifle to his Springfield, Oregon high school cafeteria and opens unceasing fire until

he is pinned to the ground by three other students. One student lies dead, twenty two others are wounded. In addition to his rifle, Kinkel is found to have a pair of handguns with him that day. He has a history of bragging about torturing animals and threatening to blow up the school. The previous day, he was taken into custody for bringing a firearm to school. When police search his house, they find a cache of bombs, grenades and ammunition. His parents were well-liked high school Spanish teachers who were seeking advice for their son's behavioral problems.

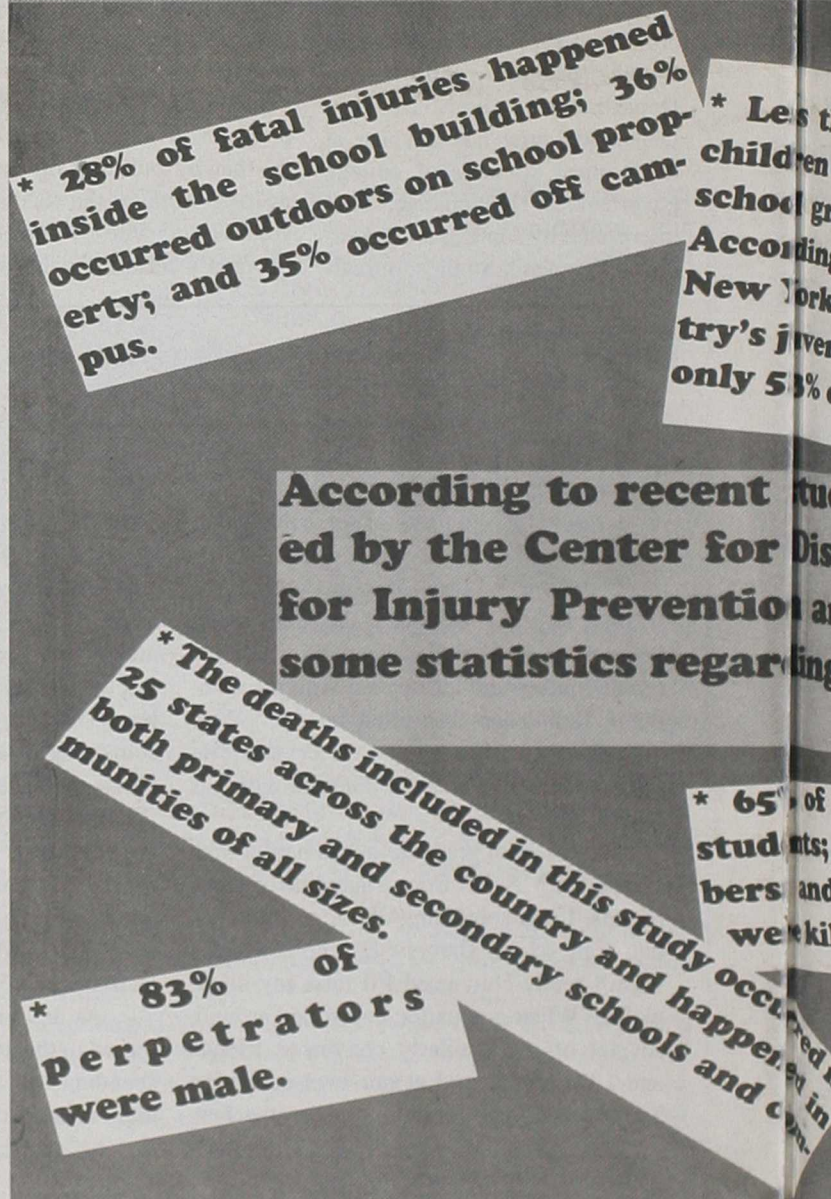
All the boys in the preceding examples came from predominantly white, middle class schools in small towns. There was no chronic inner-city violence or poverty to blame. There was no history of abuse in any of the boys' families. What could have prompted such violence? All grew up in environments where guns are promoted for hunting and "protection" and where guns are readily accessible. The many "cries for help" and obvious warning signs, such as threatening to kill or blow things up, went ignored or unreported. Many found themselves in positions where they felt they had no one to talk to. In addition, they were surrounded by the violence that is so prevalent in everyday American culture, found in the form of violent images on television and in the movies.

According to Helen Smith, a forensic psychologist from Knoxville, Tennessee, other symptoms and explanations include previous mental disorders, a history of cruelty to animals and/or siblings, and occasionally, low intelligence and a feeling that the only way to deal with frustration is through a climactic conclusion. It is usually something relatively harmless that pushes them over the edge. For whatever reason, traditional safeguards, such as families, churches, schools, child welfare authorities and courts are becoming less effective as preventative measures.

Jeff Sprague of the University of Oregon's Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior feels that the recent series of juve-



(left) Jeremy Strohmeier is held in custody by Nevada police. (top right) Andrew Golden is seen here perfecting his aim. (right) A victim is taken to the emergency room after the shooting.



nile shootings is a string of copycat crimes, with each one giving inspiration to the next. Those at the highest risk for such outbursts are the least well tracked.

According to a survey conducted by John Firman, Director of Research for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, there are significant levels of teacher concerns and student fears from all over the country, not only in large cities. John Blaser with the FBI says, "Generalizations about rural areas (other than small size of towns and low population density) end with one visit to a particular rural place."

Crime occurs all over the U.S., not only in the inner city. The "rural America" is problematic in itself because each rural community in America is unique. Rural communities are perceived to be safe

Survey: How should juvenile criminals be punished?

"Juveniles should be punished according to their age. We need to take into account that even though they commit a crime they are not mentally prepared to be punished as an adult, or even worse, place them in prisons. I believe that prisons should have age appropriate correction centers as we have with gender since juveniles go through different development stages. It is also important to take into consideration the reasons behind the crime and the criminal's personal history before deciding any major decisions."

Daisy Martinez
Fourth Year Student

"Minors should not be incarcerated with adults in prisons no matter how serious the crime is. They should be incarcerated in an age appropriate correction center as they do placing women in a women's prison and a man in a men's prison. Before they are locked up, I believe that it depends on the situation to determine how long or how to punish them. There have been many cases where teenagers who play with real guns kill unintentionally, and I ask do they have to be charged the same way as an adult?"

Alma Castillo
Third Year Student

"Depending on the minor's age, I believe he or she should be punished differently. If a 14 year old murders, for instance, I think he should be punished because at that age they are aware of their action. They know right from wrong. Everyone should be punished for any type of crime they commit or else they will continue doing it."

Victor Padilla
Third Year Student
Cal State LA

"There are many factors that play a role in deciding how and how long to pun-

There have been many cases where minors are punished for a crime the same way as an adult. There is disagreement on how minors should be sentenced. According to *States Laws on Prosecutors' and Judges' Use of Juvenile Records*, twenty four states mandate consideration of a defendant's juvenile records in sentencing. This means that these states take into consideration a juvenile's history under sentencing guidelines in deciding between probation versus incarceration.

ish a minor. Minors, especially adolescents, are going through many body changes that affect their behavior. Many teenage boys, for instance, believe they are grown up men after puberty, but reality tells us that is not true, and the same thing happens with teenage girls. Personally, I strongly believe that it depends on the situation, reasons and the minor's background, of course taking into consideration his or her age to determine how and how long to punish them."

Juan Flores
Third Year Student
Cal State Pomona

"Minors should not be charged for a crime as an adult because they are not capable of handling the years ahead of them locked up in a prison. They might commit a crime out of peer pressure, and if they are incarcerated in prisons for such a

long time, there are high possibilities that they are going to turn out to be people that they are not, criminals. It is better to place them in correction institution to receive counseling to be more productive in society."

Olga Hernandez
Fourth Year Student

"It depends on the circumstances on which the crime occurred. Sometimes they just deserve to be treated as an adult. If there is evidence that they did it, then they should be tried as an adult."

Noemi Rosales
Second Year Student

"It depends on the crime. If a child can pick up a gun at that age, then they deserve to be tried as an adult. This is just to show other children who want to do this that it is not cool to take another person's life. If someone ever pressures you, you should think about what you are going to do."

Marissa Johns
Third Year Student

"They should be tried as adults. It is the parent's responsibility if they buy their kids guns to make sure they use them properly."

Sunnie Dishman
Second Year Student

"If you're old enough to cause that much chaos, they're old enough to be tried as adults. It's the whole gun culture."

Jocelyn Lee
First Year Student

"It depends on the history; someone who's been abused and neglected shouldn't necessarily be tried as an adult. The macho thing probably played a factor --like the gun was the power."

Ron
UCLA

Survey conducted by Veronica Villanueva, Staff Writer



...da law enforcement officials while awaiting judgement.
...his rifle shooting in his family's backyard. (bottom
...after the May 1998 Springfield, Oregon shooting.

...than 1% of all homicides among school-age
... (5-19 years of age) occur in or around
... grounds, or on the way to and from school
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... York, and Detroit account for 30% of the coun-
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... 33% of the juvenile population.

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... of school-associated violent deaths were
... ts; 11% were teachers or other staff mem-
... and 23% were community members who
... killed on school property.

Compiled by Veronica Aguilera
Assistant Editor

... slow-paced towns free of violent crime and protected from gangs and
... drugs. According to researchers, violence and substance abuse in rural
... communities is catching up to rates reported in urban areas, and in
... some instances have surpassed them. Yet the stereotypes still exist.

President Bill Clinton places the most blame on the popular culture
... and media of America. He laments that ours is "...a changing culture
... that desensitizes our children to violence, where most teenagers have
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Expert Advice

Regina King and Varsana Staszak Can Help

Q: I AM A HIGH-PROFILE, PROFESSIONAL WOMAN, MARRIED TO A HIGH PROFILE MAN. RECENTLY IT HAS BEEN DISCLOSED THAT MY HUSBAND HAS BEEN HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH A YOUNG WOMAN WITH WHOM HE WORKS. I AM VERY ANGRY AND WONDER WHAT I SHOULD DO. CAN YOU HELP?



SINCERELY,
DAZED IN DC



Dear Dazed in DC,

I say, let him go! He knows the importance of wedding vows and he chose to ignore them. Your family comes first, yet he chose lust over the love of his wife. You have no choice but to release the negativity from your life. Staying with him would be a waste of time—once a cheat always a cheat. Today many people make the mistake of staying together just for the children even when the love is gone, but that is a mistake. The fighting and tension in the home is far worse. Make up your mind that you will not let this man prevent you from being happy. Tell him “don’t let the door knob hit ya’ where the good Lord split ya’” on his way out the door. Then sit back, relax, and have a cigar. Well, maybe not.

—REGINA KING

Dazed in DC—

Wow, this is a tough one...Leave him. I could present a lot of other people’s reasoning that says, “Oh, but you should stay together because a marriage is a commitment that you have to work at.” Sure, and infidelity is a great trespass against the union of two peo-

ple. An affair is total disrespect for everyone involved—you, your husband and the other woman. Your husband has no self-respect and he is showing no respect for you. It’s essentially an expression of carelessness. Your husband has showed through his actions that he didn’t care enough to make the effort for the bare minimum of self-restraint. Self-restraint isn’t exactly a shining, gleaming quality that someone can go around boasting about. But, I would say that self control is one of the master skills in life.

Okay, so if a spouse has self control, is that enough? No, a marriage is a commitment of love, respect, trust, joint-effort, give-and-take, interdependence NOT codependency. Marriage is meant to lift your spirit. Being bogged down in the humdrum of everyday life can be stifling enough to the relationship, so the effects of a direct affront to the marriage can be devastating. I mean, what’s the point of being married if the relationship is actually taking away what you need?

And if being a high profile couple is a great concern for you, then honestly, I think a lot

of people would respect and admire you for having the guts to leave and get on with your life. But more than anything, do it for yourself—your well-being. And if you have children, do it for them too, because there is nothing worse than parents teaching their children that it’s perfectly acceptable to be unfaithful, have an affair, etc. A young girl would learn that it’s just fine to be taken advantage of, and a young boy would learn that he doesn’t truly have to honor any commitment. How sad. And if by any chance, being married to your high profile husband was a political move on your part (i.e. to play up a certain image, to be a power couple, to gain power for yourself), honey, why did you even think of disrespecting yourself like that in the first place?

I think this can be a fabulous opportunity for you to rethink your life and what direction you want to take. Focus on your well-being, and it will naturally follow that others will be taken care of. And remember, once is one time too many.

—VARSANA STASZAK

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What’s Your Fitness IQ?



By JENNIFER BOLANIS
Guest Columnist

Whether its personal training, intramural sports, fitness classes, or Natural High, SmartBodies has something for everyone! SmartBodies is a program sponsored by the Fitness Education Department. It is coordinated by five students from the Masters of Physical Therapy program on the Chalon campus. The coordinators have the experience and motivation to help all students, faculty, and staff reach their fitness goals and become SmartBodies!

Natural High is a program of 6 outdoor activities, including biking or blading in Venice Beach, Paint Balling, rock climbing at “Rockreation,” and sea-kayaking. There is a \$100 fee that covers all transportation and equipment costs. The fee is also transferable, which means that you and a friend can split the cost and split the activities! Once you have paid, all you have to do is show up and enjoy your “Natural High.” The deadline to register has been extended to Oct. 15, so hurry up and get your Natural High card today.

Intramurals are held every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. on the courts by the Fitness Center. A new sport begins every 6 weeks. Basketball will be featured from October 20th to November 24th. So look for our flyers and sign up, or just call the Fitness Center at extension 4345.

Been THERE, Done THAT

By SUZI SCHROEDER
Managing Editor

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Type: Top 40, Line Dancing, Country Western, Disco, Swing, ‘80’s
Age: 18 and up: Tues., Thurs., Sat.; 21 and up: Wed., Fri., Sun.

The Boogie
TOP 40 • DISCO
80's • LINE DANCING

Don’t let the name deceive you. Sure, there are cowboys at the Cowboy Boogie, but it is far from a “cowboy bar.” I have seen more girls in typical club gear than in boots and Wranglers. One of the things that makes the Boogie so unique is its variety. The DJ will play a bunch of top 40 and hip hop songs with a retro favorite thrown in, then there will be some line dancing followed by a two-step, a cowboy cha-cha and maybe a swing dance or two, and then the fun repeats. If you don’t know how to line dance, there are free lessons and plenty of people willing to help you. Many of the line dances are done to popular songs as well as the traditional country ones. Saturdays are very popular, Thursdays are jumping, but Tuesdays are my favorite. There are still a lot of people, but it’s not quite as crowded, and it’s also more relaxed. There is plenty of dancing, but you can also sit and talk to people. I thoroughly enjoy nights out at the Boogie. There is variety everywhere, not just in the music, but also in the types of people there. Everyone, no matter what you like to wear is welcome, as long as you like to have a good time. My verdict: Cowboy Boogie is a great time no matter what the night!



Indie Zoom:

your independent film guide



By JOYCE LIU
Staff Writer

Has anyone seen any cool and unique movies lately? Perhaps you did what I did this past summer and loaded up on matinees and twilight shows. But this movie column isn’t going to be about “Saving Private Ryan” or “There’s Something About Mary.” This little column will strictly be about independent films. In other words, WELCOME to the BEAUTIFUL WORLD of INDIE ZOOM!!!

Before I begin reviewing the film, “Smoke Signals,” let me give y’all a little briefing. For those who are familiar with the world of indie films, please bear with me. This will only take a few moments.

Independent films are unlike the mainstream movies all of us are used to. Hollywood’s habit is to present us, the American public, with movies like “Scream,” “Titanic,” “Armageddon” and so on. If you like horror, Hollywood gives you “Scream.” If you are a die-hard for romance (which I sheepishly admit to being), you get “Titanic” for 10 months and still counting. If your main interest is action and humor, you get “Lethal Weapon 12”.

Independent films are special because

they express to us what most movies don’t. For one thing, they aren’t made with enormous amounts of money. This explains why admission usually costs a few bucks more and they don’t play at your local Edward’s. Another thing that differentiates independent films from commercial movies is the fact that they aren’t advertised as much (if at all). The reasons are obvious; the marketing budget for the film is simply non-existent. This explains why most of the ingeniously written, acted and beautifully portrayed stories seem to always pass us by. With this in mind, I hope you will broaden your scope of movie viewing. For it is only through our own discoveries that we are left with a totally different perspective, a new mentality, and lastly, an essential piece/peace of mind.

“Smoke Signals” started playing in the art movie houses after our summer began. I saw a teeny tiny ad about 3 inches wide and 2 inches tall, about 20 pages behind the “Saving Private Ryan” ad in the LA Times. As an individual who is intrigued with cultures different from the mainstream American culture, I was quite the excited one to see this movie straight “from the heart of Native America.” This film is bittersweet in the sense that as the characters discuss their everyday concerns, they unintentionally crack a joke in reference to Columbus or

various oppressive experiences that make up their history. I was amazed by the profundity of their lives disguised through their lighthearted and simple ways. The power to combine an equal distribution of drama as well as humor is, unquestionably, a true talent. I found myself exiting the movie theater with a different perspective. “Smoke Signals” invited me into the contemporary way of life on an Indian reservation. It graciously welcomed me to gain a better understanding of stories that yearn to be told, stories that desire to be heard. There is nothing else for me to say except, “Go see this movie! Now!”

Principal Actors: Adam Beach, Evan Adams, with supporting roles played by Tom Skerritt and Cynthia Geary

Director: Chris Eyre (also co-producer)
“Smoke Signals” premiered at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival, where it won two awards. It is the first movie filmed by the production company, “Shadow Catcher.”

It is based on the book, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, by Sherman Alexie, who also wrote the screenplay.

The movie concerns two young Indian men on a voyage of self-discovery.

In the Stars: YOUR HOROSCOPE

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



It's time to put the past behind you. Once you come to terms with it, you open the door for success, victory, and contentment. Be careful not to confuse material happiness and extravagance with what you really seek. Listen to your intuition and use the wisdom the past has bestowed on you. Be honest with yourself and good will follow.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Times have been prosperous for you, and should bring continued success. Be generous to those who have helped you along the way, and help those who are where you once were. Remember that success does not always bring freedom and security, but they will come if you continue to seek them. Don't be deceived by magnificence; it will only bring distress.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You are a very balanced and friendly person. Use all the gifts that have been bestowed on you to overcome the problems you face. Summon the courage that is deep inside of you to get you through the struggles ahead. Be strong, remember who your friends are — they will lead you to success, happiness and wisdom.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

New relationships are on the horizon in both love and friendship. People are naturally drawn to your honesty; you will meet them in unlikely places. Be sure to save time for personal reflection, you may face opposition on something you feel strongly about and you'll need all your wits intact. News, a message or a business transaction will bring the possibility of gifts and prosperity.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Contentment, love and friendship help to smooth out the less-than-perfect happenings of the past. Your life sets into motion as things finally come together bringing the prospects of luck, success, and happiness. A well-deserved triumph helps you overcome any obstacles you face. Remember that you are beautiful on the inside and out.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Use your skills to bring profit and success from previously untapped sources, but be aware that those who help can also bring potential loss. You are very generous and secure. Draw on your knowledge, experience and strength to lead a joint effort and discovery. A surprising victory or great news from an unexpected source will give you hope along the way.

Aries

(Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Your life is currently in a state of balance, but soon you will be drawn into a web of secrets and mystery. Have faith, and use your knowledge of the past along with the power that's deep inside you to bring forth a previously hidden future. Carefully screen any messages or invitations for an intent of trickery or fraud. Justice will finally make itself known. Prudence brings forth success and accomplishment, and chance brings the gifts of joy and fulfillment.

Taurus

(Apr. 20-May 20)

With authority, comes loyalty and secrets. A previous victory leads to healing and conclusion. An unlikely alliance and a little inspiration brings success and contentment. You are a fair person with lots of business sense, use it to your advantage in an upcoming invention or enterprise and it will lead you to a new starting point.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

Justice, balance and kindness help in times of need and sadness. Try not to bury problems in extravagance because it will only make them greater. You are a person in which joy is abundant; find contentment in the simple things. There is power in both love and hate. Be careful with it, because it may affect an upcoming triumph. Remember family and all that is truly important to you.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

Don't let an absence or separation prevent you from a long awaited triumph. Things are winding down, projects are finishing and you'll finally have a bit of peace. Use this rare gift of repose wisely, making time for yourself. Take an introspective look at your life and take care of any unnecessary expenditures. Have faith in someone close — they believe in you! Watch for mixed or hidden messages.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

You are an honest person, but be careful, not everyone appreciates it. Have courage, a new friendship brings some balance to your crazy life. Sort out the unnecessary stuff and be aware that material happiness does not always guarantee satisfaction. Some friendly competition will do you a world of good — be active and optimistic.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Leave the past where it belongs. Reach for the good fortune and success that lies within your grasp — you deserve it. Don't be content with mere material goods, you deserve much more. Use your wisdom, honesty, and intuition to get what you really desire. An indulgence leads to new people and an unlikely broadening of horizons, but this does not give you permission to go overboard.

By Suzi "The Psychic" Schroeder

THE ORACLE Connected

October 14, 1998

URBAN URBANE

Tired of movies and dancing on Friday nights? Step outside of the usual routine and see what LA has to offer in the way of higher entertainment.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is showing a Picasso exhibit from now until January 4, and a Harlem Renaissance collection until October 19. Tickets to the Picasso show are \$12 on weekdays, \$15 on weekends—that includes admission to the rest of the museum as well. General admission is \$5 for students with ID; kids 6-17 are \$1. LACMA's open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 12 to 8 pm, Friday from 12 to 9 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 8 pm. The second Tuesday of every month is free to all. Please call (323) 857-6000 for more details.

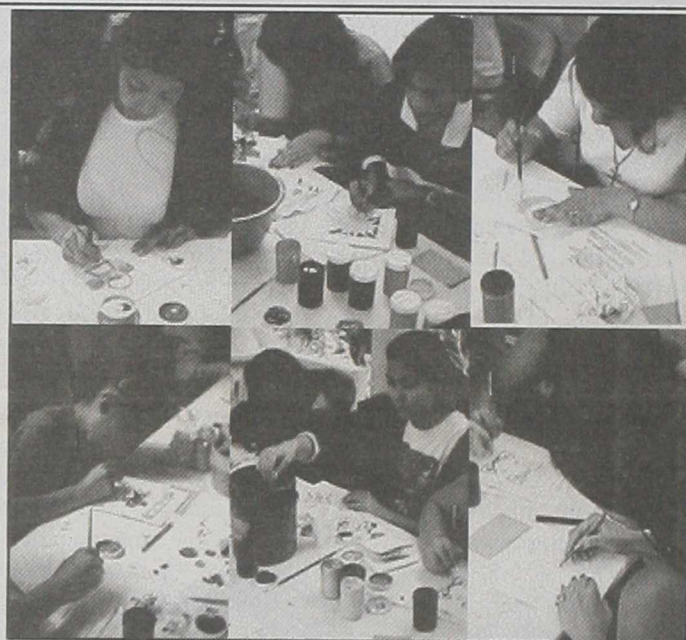
The Museum of Contemporary Art is showing an exhibit called "Tracings" by George Legrady. This exhibit is an interactive, multimedia display inspired by the end of socialism in Eastern Europe and technology's assault on our culture. It's activated by the viewer's movements and the nature of it allows for each person to come away with their own interpretation of the

narrative. The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday, from 11 am to 5 pm and on Thursday from 11 am to 8 pm. Admission is \$4 for students with a valid ID and admission is free on Thursday from 5 to 8 pm.

Los Barbaros de Los Angeles is a event featuring Latin artists at the UNITY arts center in the Frieda Kahlo Gallery until October 27. Call (213) 382-8133 for more information.

The Jazz Bakery on Helms Avenue in Culver City has a changing line-up of different jazz artists and bands all year long. Ticket prices range from approximately \$12 to \$20, but it's worth it. For more information call (310) 271-9039.

The Griffith Park Observatory houses many fascinating displays of the universe as well as several telescopes with which visitors are welcome to observe the stars. Also showing is *U2 3D*, a laserlight show with accompanying music. It shows Friday and Saturday, at 8:45 pm and tickets are \$8. Another show, *Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon*, shows on Thursday and Sunday at 8:45 pm. Tickets are \$7. For more details call (323) 901-9405.



VISIONARIES AT WORK
HORIZONS DAY REMEMBERS A
WOMAN FOR OUR TIMES

On September 25, both the Doheny and Chalon campuses came together to celebrate Hildegard of Bingen. Bingen was a visionary who was interested in medicine, herbal therapy, poetry, music composition and spirituality. The day included lunch in the Circle and after lunch students, staff and faculty had the opportunity to create their own vision with supplies and paper provided by the college. The visions are going to be bound in a book, one for each class and one for faculty, and be put on display in the Coe Library. Later in the afternoon, the Mount community was invited to listen to special guest speaker, Dr. Nancy Fierro, CSJ, who gave the audience a more detailed look at Bingen's extraordinary life.
(Photo by Moria Demby)

Beyond the Mount: Alumnae Career Focus

By VERONICA AGUILERA

Assistant Editor

This is the first edition of the "Alumnae Career Focus" column, in which alumnae of Mount St. Mary's share what they are doing after graduation, and how they got to where they are.

After graduating from college, we all hope to pursue what we most enjoy doing. It is usually expected we enter a field related to our major. But sometimes, things do not always turn out the way we expected.

Emilia Guerrero graduated from the Mount in the May of 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. One of Guerrero's main goals was to teach Spanish at the high school level in her community. "I wanted to give back to my community and to all those who helped me throughout my education," stated Guerrero. But Guerrero never thought that instead of teaching Spanish she would end up teaching special education to mentally handicapped children.

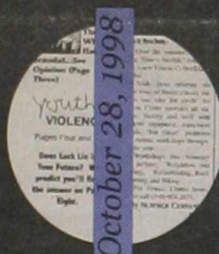
After graduating from college, she applied for a teaching position at Jefferson High School. "I felt I was ready and anxious to begin working as a teacher," she said. But one day she was notified that a position for a special education teacher was

open. "At first I couldn't imagine myself teaching children with disabilities," she recalls. She considered it to be a very challenging position. But she realized that if she loved teaching, then nothing else would matter and she decided to apply.

After a few months of waiting for a response, Guerrero was given the position. She was extremely nervous on her first day. She felt she could not let her students down. At the end of her first day, Guerrero felt better. She ended up falling in love with her job.


Guerrero believes that everyone should just follow their dream even if it is not necessarily what they studied in school. "The most important thing is to love what you do and to do it right," replied Guerrero. "Just because you major in Spanish doesn't mean you have to become a Spanish teacher. If you are offered a position where your major has nothing to do with it and you feel it is something you want to do, go for it," she concluded.

Guerrero has been working as a special education teacher for two years now. She feels comfortable with her job and is not planning on applying for another position at the moment. She wants to give it some time.



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Grants Aid Service Learning

Archives
MSMC

By VERONICA VILLANUEVA
Staff Writer

The college has recently become the recipient of the Hewlett Grant, which is funded by the Hewlett foundation. The Hewlett foundation is a private, non-profit organization that grants money to deserving institutions for educational goals. The grant is being directed by Dr. Pam Haldeman, Chair of the Sociology Department.

"The goal of this grant is to infuse service learning into courses," explained Haldeman. Service learning is taking the students' knowledge and applying it to the community. This is also called experiential learning. "An example of this," Haldeman said, "would be having students from a sociology class visit a senior center while they are learning theories of aging. This way they can apply the theories by observing what the elderly do."

To make this possible, Dr. Cheryl Mabey, Director of the Center for Urban Partnership, is directing the Implementing Urban Missions Program through a grant funded by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Kellogg Foundation to develop the Center for Urban Partnership. This center, which will network with agencies to establish a long-term relationship, will help to accomplish the Hewlett Grant goal of service learning.

One goal for the Center for Urban Partnership is to centralize outreach activities and establish a



On Saturday, October 17, over 150 first-year students enrolled in "Intro to College Studies" went to three schools in the Boyle Heights area to help with much needed cleaning and repairs. Students shown here painted a mural at St. Mary's Elementary School. The Service Learning project is a required component of the class. (Photo by Summer Cervantez)

database of community resources. "The Mount is totally invisible. If you go down the hill from Chalon or down the street from Doheny and ask people about the Mount, they will not know about it," Mabey said.

"Over 1800 students have volunteered in more than 300 agencies," said Mabey. She further explained that the college has a great impact in these organizations, but it is not recognized. There are many clubs and organizations on campus that volunteer and do not get recognized by the community. Therefore with this grant, she wants to build a long-

term relationship with different agencies to form a much stronger community.

"My major is gerontology, and I have volunteered at a convalescent home for about four years. This job applies to my major, and I do not get credit for it," Genevive Galvan, a third year student, said. She said she loves the idea of getting credit for her volunteer job.

Alma Castillo, a third year student and a liberal studies major, currently teaches Catechism at her church. "It would be wonderful to get credit in my education classes for the

teaching experience I am gaining right now as a catechist," Castillo said. She said that even though she is not going to be a religion teacher, this experience helps her with classroom management and discipline skills.

"Hopefully, by February all the data for the program for the Center for Urban Partnership will be put together to have a committee with faculty, staff and other external friends of the Mount to go over it," Mabey said. She concluded by saying that the program will hopefully begin by the fall of 1999.

Budget Bill Restricts Organ Donation

(U-WIRE) **PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania** — Rarely does an issue come along in Congress where voting literally affects life and death. But in the \$500 billion budget bill passed last week, Congress had the ability to do just that.

When the House of Representatives approved the budget bill for fiscal year 1999, a rider under the Health and Human Services section, on behalf of Representative Bob Livingston of Louisiana, stipulated that no change could be made on the regional distribution of donated organs.

Livingston once again fended off the recommendations of the HHS, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Senator Rick Santorum, and Pennsylvania Representative William Coyne.

Livingston could not be reached for comment, but a spokesman in his office believed that Livingston was opposed to need-based allocation because it would be unfair to the smaller states, particularly his home state of Louisiana.

"It should be the right of the donor or his family to decide to whom and how the organ should be donated," the spokesman said.

Now, organs are distributed regionally instead of according to patient need status. That was supposed to change because of the efforts of HHS back in April.

UPMC spokeswoman Lisa Rossi said, "Bob Livingston is single-handedly responsible for this delay, and this isn't the first time he's done this."

Livingston's stipulation was perhaps overlooked because of the last-minute rush to approve the budget bill so lawmakers could go home to campaign for the upcoming election. The 40-pound, nearly 4,000-page copies of the bill were not distributed until less than four hours before last Tuesday night's vote.

In April, HHS wrote a provision stating that organs should be distributed on the basis of need and not by region, but that could not take effect until October 1.

Now it can't go into effect until at least January, when the newly elected Congress reconvenes. But even then, unless Congress proposes a separate bill in January, the issue will more than likely not be raised until the budget is an issue again.

Dinkel noted that because of this, any change will be delayed

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National News from Colleges and Universities

(U-WIRE) **BERKELEY, California** — More than 1,000 UC Berkeley students and faculty refused to teach or attend regular classes last Wednesday and Thursday, and instead took part in the long-awaited UC-wide walkout in defense of affirmative action.

The protest, led by more than 60 professors and dubbed "Affirm With Action," included several symposia, rallies, teach-ins and forums.

The rally, considered the highlight of the event, filled Sproul Plaza with hundreds of students whooping, cheering, chanting and carrying signs representing various student organizations and political views.

Speakers at the rally included UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies professor Carlos Munoz, Diane Chin, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action and Barbara Christian, a UC Berkeley African American Studies professor.

While many students said they were generally receptive to the walkout, others said they felt the event detracted from the educational process at Berkeley.

(U-WIRE) **STANFORD, California** — On October 17, a bill passed by Congress was signed by President Clinton, giving universities the authority to notify parents of a student's alcohol and drug violations.

President Clinton signed the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, a bill that primarily focuses on the reduction of interest rates for federal college loans, but also contains a measure on parental notification.

Previous federal law prohibited universities from disclosing records of students above 18 years of age, preventing schools from notifying parents of a student's drug and alcohol use. However, after a string of five alcohol-related deaths last year on campuses, the bill to disclose the substance use of students under 21 but over 18 was recommended to Congress in July.

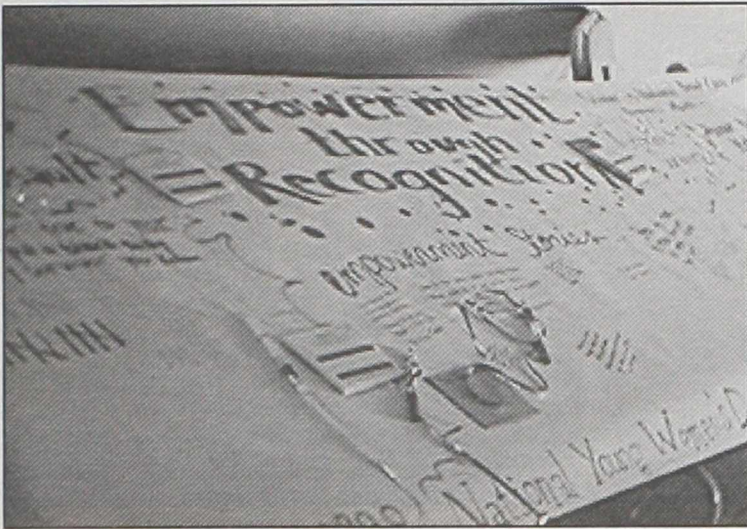
The bill, signed within weeks of alcohol-related deaths or severe injuries at Rutgers, the University of Michigan, and Stanford, could greatly affect the alcohol and drug policies of universities nationwide.

(U-WIRE) **EAST LANSING, Michigan** — A stained blue dress, cigars and a beret. Evidence in Kenneth Starr's case against President Clinton? Nope. They're some of this year's hottest Halloween paraphernalia.

Vendors are cashing in on the recent White House scandals with merchandise made famous by President Clinton's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

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National Young Women's Day of Action



October 22, 1998 marked the Sixth Annual National Young Women's Day of Action. On this day, thousands of young women spoke out and worked to generate awareness as part of a grassroots campaign to empower women. The Mount joined in by expressing themselves on a poster, sponsored by WAKE and The Oracle, that was placed in the foyer. Mount students were able to memorialize, celebrate and acknowledge women who have been through trying experiences.

Organ Donation

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for a year.

"During the year of delay caused by this rider, over 200 people who could have been saved will die waiting for transplants," Coyne said. "Certain appropriators chose to ignore these facts about organ transplants and block a regulation which would have had saved hundreds of lives. I strongly oppose their decision."

Santorum's press secretary, Robert Toraynham, said Santorum agrees with Coyne that the sickest person should receive priority as an organ recipient.

In a June 30 press release, Santorum said, "Very few federal policies truly control the life and

death of American citizens as the organ allocation process does. I believe that human organs are too precious and scarce a resource to be allocated by a private contractor without government oversight of the policy."

Rossi said UPMC officials feel they have the data to back up the claim that more people are dying sooner because of this. But the Institute of Medicine, which is funded by Congress, will soon conduct a study of its own.

"In our [UPMC's] opinion, they are just going to find out what we already know to be true—that the system is not fair," Rossi said.

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"When (customers) have seen the beret, they've said, 'Oh, you have the Monica beret,'" said June Lloyd, assistant manager of Spencer Gifts in Okemos, Michigan. The berets come with Lewinsky-like hair, and are similar to the one she wore while hugging Clinton in a widely shown clip. The berets cost \$19.99.

Theresa Wojnar, manager of Gags & Gifts, in Lansing, Michigan, said her store is also selling two different styles of Clinton masks—a plain one and an oversize cartoonist mask. "It's been one of my best-selling masks," she said. "We've [also] been selling a lot of fake cigars and wigs that look like [Monica's] hair."

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania — Students actually may be able to tell their friends just how drunk they really were the night before, thanks to a new device called Control BAC.

Control BAC is a pocket-sized computer that estimates a person's blood alcohol concentration, or BAC. The computer calculates BAC by considering several factors: weight, gender, volume, type of alcohol con-

sumed and desired BAC.

When users consume an alcoholic beverage, they press all three buttons on the device, and the computer records the drink. Then it will tell the users how long to wait before the next drink and will calculate the BAC level. (U-WIRE) MOBILE, Alabama Former University of South Alabama medical student John Jacobs has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the September 1997 shooting death of another medical student following an end-of-exams party.

Jacobs, 25, of Gadsden, pleaded guilty to murder last month in Mobile County Circuit Court in the shooting death of 22-year-old Michael Moore, a first-year medical student from Fairhope.

Circuit Judge Ferrill McRae could have sentenced Jacobs to life in prison following the guilty plea, but because of several letters requesting leniency and Jacobs having no prior criminal record, he opted for the 20-year decision.

Since Jacobs was sentenced to the minimum of 20 years, he could be eligible for parole in seven to 10 years.

Fire Department Training Helps College Prepare for Disaster

By VARSANA STASZAK

Copy Editor

This past summer, the Disaster Preparedness Committee at the Mount went through a new 7-week training program, taught by the Los Angeles Fire Department. The Committee is co-chaired by Arleen Fernandez, Director of Health Services, and Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President of Student Affairs, and is made up of 14 faculty and staff members in various departments.

Training emphasis was on Search and Rescue and the Triage approach. Triage is a process of prioritizing emergency action according to the relative severity of the victims' conditions.

The committee is divided into four emergency response teams—Search and Rescue, Fire Suppression, Medical and Logistics. The four teams make up a "Community Emergency Response Team," which is meant to act self-reliantly in the event the Fire Department is not immediately available. The Fire Department trains communities, organizations and schools with the goal of self-reliance in mind.

Fernandez lists three goals for the committee and the Mount community-at-large, "To assure we have a workable plan in place, to provide supplies and assure their availability, and disaster education." The Mount's Health Fair on October 21 provided information about making disas-

ter kits to everyone who attended.

The Mount's Emergency Response Team is organized hierarchically. All Vice Presidents, and Dr. Mari Wadsworth, Assistant Vice President for

earthquake, rather than a fire, and will take place during the day-time.

Karin Middleton, Director of Residence Life, is the Building Monitor for all of the residence halls on the Chalon campus. Each Resident Assistant acts as a Floor Monitor. RAs go through their own emergency preparedness training integrated into their regular two week RA training each August.

Middleton's goals for RAs are that,

"they feel comfortable and confident in their skills and to know they have limits, that they are personally safe so they can help others, and that they are open to sharing information."

Middleton and at least two Resident Assistants are on campus at all times. She also said that a three-day supply of food, water, first-aid, and blankets will be provided for each resident student in the event of an emergency. These supplies were updated last November.

Aimee Jade Sison, a Head RA, has the ability to act in Middleton's place. Sison was the only student who participated in the Fire Department training. "It had a big impact on me. I felt kind of intimidated...I got a feel for what they expect from us as students," Sison explained, "The more people know how to [respond to an emergency], the easier it will work out when an emergency comes."

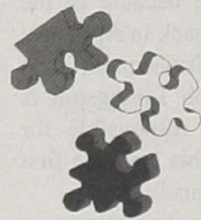
"The more people know... the easier it will work out when an emergency comes."

Aimee Jade Sison, Head RA

Student Affairs, and Fernandez, are Emergency Coordinators. Building Monitors assess damage and coordinate efforts. Floor Monitors are responsible for each floor of a building in evacuation and for the organization of teams of three to assist in Search and Rescue.

"As a College, we are very well-prepared in terms of supplies," Fernandez states. Personal Disaster Kits are stored for each student. Health Services has its own Response Kit with provisions for medical needs, food and water. Physical Plant is responsible for providing fire extinguishers.

Lingua has two major plans for disaster preparedness. She wants to "develop a unified emergency response handbook to distribute...to all students, faculty and staff" for their education. She has also helped coordinate plans for a simulation drill to occur this academic year. This drill will act in response to an



pieces of the puzzle: UP CLOSE WITH THE MOUNT COMMUNITY

By VERONICA AGUILERA, VERONICA VILLANUEVA

Assistant Editor and Staff Writer

In every issue we try to focus on a member of the Mount community who is new, or who has done something to put themselves in the spotlight. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Amongst the new members added to the community this school year is Mike Lee, the new Internship Coordinator.

Lee was born in Taiwan, but was raised in California. He attended UCLA and obtained his Masters in Counseling, Student Affairs. Before coming to the Mount, he worked at Price Waterhouse in International Assignment Services. He found about this position through the Internet.

Lee is the only boy in his family. Working in an all women's college, he confessed, "Is draining at times because I miss the male bond-

ing part."

Lee is single and enjoys golf and any other sport.

Lee commented on how he likes his job by saying, "so far so good." His responsibilities as Internship Coordinator include: helping students look for internships, helping students learn about what skills businesses are looking for, and counseling. He feels internships are very important and that they definitely make it easier for a student to find a job when he/she goes out into the real world.

On a more personal level, Lee wants to be known as "someone who wants to

make a worthwhile contribution to society." If anyone is interested in searching for internships, they can visit Lee in the Student Affairs office in room H200, or call extension 4135.



MIKE
LEE

October 28, 1998

Opinion

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Veronica Aguilera

On September 27, coming out of work, I was notified by my younger brother that my uncle, the man I considered my second father, had been killed. My uncle had become another victim on the list of violence due to poverty in El Salvador. A burglar shot him in the stomach when my uncle witnessed him in the act of committing a crime.

Unfortunately, El Salvador is currently in a difficult situation. Poverty and unemployment have tremendously increased. One cannot go out into the street without having to worry that the silver necklace one is wearing might make a burglar believe it is a gold one and tempt him to snatch it from one's neck. The beggars on the street know you've just arrived from the United States, the land of opportunity, and therefore, ask you for an extra pair of shoes, a shirt, a pair of pants or even what you're wearing. Poverty exists and it cannot be hidden, just as violence cannot either.

The idea of losing a loved one is terrible. But more terrible is when that idea becomes a reality and an unexpected death of someone close to you hits you and your whole world collapses.

It is just a very hard situation to handle.

The death of my uncle depressed me tremendously and I wanted to die with him. I blamed myself for not being there for him and not giving him back everything he gave me. I asked myself, "why him?" The pain was so intense that I just wanted to know who had done it and go after that person. I came to the conclusion that life would not be worth living if one of the persons I loved the most was not with me anymore.

Then reality hit me, and I began to realize that I had to keep on going and try to become what my uncle would have liked me to be—a professional. I had to try to overcome the cruel death he had to confront.

It's been less than a month since my uncle's death and it is still very hard for me not to remember the great times I spent with him, and the last time I got the chance to see him nine years ago. I know that I have to be strong and continue with my goals and dreams.

Everybody who goes through this kind of situation should understand, like I have, that we will be able to get ahead with the help of our family and friends. We have to understand that our loved one is now in a better place. We must make the best of this life like those who have left it did because this one is short and it is sure worth living.

Everyone is Accountable:

Commitment to Human Relations & Trust

In Webster's dictionary, responsibility is defined as the state or quality of being responsible—accountable, reliable, trustworthy. Nothing seems to be possible without accountability. Ultimately each one of us is subject to some sort of reckoning.

Each person has many roles in life. We can choose to be responsible or irresponsible, honest or dishonest. Yet all too often, people choose to be lazy. Not only do they not take action, they do not even re-act. This is the point where human relations and organization break down. It cannot be expected that anything will function efficiently, if at all, when people shirk their responsibilities. How can we complain or expect anything to get better when we don't make an effort on our own part?

We can ask, "Don't people feel greatly ashamed when they dishonestly portray themselves in one way, yet act another?" There must be some point at which we realize we cannot maintain this façade and also maintain any self-respect.

Maybe we have to force ourselves, discipline ourselves to do what we must. This is difficult,

but there is no other way to succeed. And, we must not only match our responsibilities, but do them the best we can. We must constantly go beyond the here-and-now. There is always something to improve, to reach for, to dream about and imagine. Every single person has the power and

gerous loss of trust is the trust one has for oneself.

Parents are accountable to their children. If they do not follow through in all of their responsibilities, they weaken the bond between parent and child. The child will have a very difficult time trusting them. It is the same for the child's accountability to the parents.

If teachers do not address students' needs, if they do not support them, students will not progress as they need to. If students do not participate

and contribute as is expected and assigned, the teachers' and students' relationship will be in vain.

If the officers and administrators of a college or any school are not honest and willing to do everything reasonable within their power to help the students and teachers to always improve, to live up to the mission of the college, then their presence is not only futile, but is a great hindrance to the school's success.

Essentially, it comes down to caring enough to do your job well. Whether that be as a parent or child, teacher or student, administrator or president, or simply as a human being.

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the responsibility to be the best they can be. They owe it to other people, the world and to themselves.

At one time or another, we all have been disappointed by someone's irresponsibility—whether it was our President's, our parents', our teachers', our students', or our ourselves'. We cannot control anyone's actions but our own.

Bill Clinton is accountable to the United States, his wife and daughter, and to himself. He betrayed his duties, and therefore many people have lost trust in him. This breach in trust is a major impediment in accomplishing anything. The most dan-

Fighting for Students' Free Speech

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON, Texas — In the central United States, a group of student press advocates are trying to reverse a court ruling that tramples on the free-press rights of student publications.

A coalition formed of every major national organization of college journalism educators, led by the Arlington, Va., based Student Press Law Center, has filed a friend-of-the-court brief to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asking it to reverse a lower court decision that allows universities to censor their student media outlets.

The lower court's ruling is based on the 1988 Hazelwood School District vs. Kuhlmeir Supreme Court case, which limited the constitutional freedoms accorded school-sponsored high school publications by ruling that the First Amendment, which guarantees the right of free speech, does not require schools to support certain types of student speech.

Although that case is a decade behind us, its repercussions may still be felt today. In the Hazelwood ruling, the Court did not mention the protection given college media, saying, "We need not now decide whether the same degree of difference ... is appropriate ... at the college and university level."

Fast-forward to the present, in which a Kentucky federal district court applied the Hazelwood standard to college publications Nov. 14, 1997. The case concerns the former student editor of the Kentucky State University yearbook, who sued school officials for refusing to distribute the 1994 volume of the book, attempting to control the student newspaper and removing the school's publications adviser.

Students said a university official objected to content in the yearbook that reflected negatively on the school and temporarily removed the paper's adviser from her position because she refused

to censor the publication's content. Also, the same official was accused of refusing to distribute the annual because she objected to its content.

Judge Joseph M. Hood, in his opinion on the Kincaid vs. Gibson case, said university officials have the right to exercise "reasonable" control over student publications. It is a dangerous ruling, and one that should be reversed as soon as possible. Otherwise, cases of college media censorship could not only be permitted, but encouraged under the law.

Such attempted control of the news in order to project a certain picture of a university is wrong and should never be promoted by our nation's courts. Whether readers agree with what student media says or not, it is the students' constitutional right to express their views — and to accurately report the news.

After all, we live in a democracy, not a dictatorship.

The Oracle would like to challenge all other clubs and organizations on campus to GIVE BLOOD at the Fall Blood Drive on Monday, November 9 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Campus Center. To sign up, call Ruby (310) 954-4508.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the October 14 Issue the following errors occurred in Joyce Liu's column, *Indie Zoom*: The sentence that read, "As an individual who is intrigued with cultures different from the mainstream American culture..." should be replaced with the writer's original text, "As an individual who is deeply concerned with social issues that contradict our American belief system..." We regret the error. Also, twice in the column Native Americans were referred to as Indians. Our intent was not to offend.

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Who's Who In '98:

Candidates for U.S. Senator (top) and Governor (bottom)



Ophie C. Beltran,
Peace and Freedom

"I'm running on a feminist/labor slate of Peace & Freedom candidates. I'm active with Antique Motorcycle Club of America. As bikers, we oppose helmet laws. Instead of bashing immigrants, I support vigorous, positive efforts to fully integrate them as useful and productive Americans, and we must implement the program of the American Indian Movement to end discrimination against Native Americans and support economic self-sufficiency."



Ted Brown,
Libertarian

"Leave people alone and they will grow and prosper. I will go to Washington to repeal laws, not make new ones. My platform: (1) Repeal the federal income tax and abolish the IRS. This would put \$650 billion per year back in our pockets, where it belongs (over \$5000 for every working American)...and (2) Slash crime by ending the failed 'War on Drugs' and decriminalizing drug use."



Barbara Boxer
Democrat

"Now I want to prepare our kids for the jobs of the future. I'm working to reduce class sizes, for after school programs to keep kids off the streets and out of gangs, and for higher academic standards so that a high school degree means something...I voted for tough penalties for dealers who sell to children...I'll continue to put families and children first."



Matt Fong,
Republican

"As your senator, I will continue to be a voice for taxpayers and their families... We need to replace our tax system with a fairer and simpler tax code with lower taxes. Taxpayers should keep more of their money, not less. Our streets should be much safer, and we must end early prison releases for violent offenders...I support maintaining a strong military."



Timothy R. Erich,
Reform

"I have become known as the 'un-politician' because: 1) I do not accept any monetary contributions, 2) I'm spending the least amount of money in a serious campaign, and 3) I make only one promise—to do my best to represent the people of California and the nation. As the Reform Party Candidate for U.S. Senate, I am not for sale, I'm for real!"



Brian M. Rees,
Natural Law

"Government should be based on that which works; not that which is paid for...Programs exist today which have been shown to improve educational outcomes, keep kids off drugs...prevent crime, cut health care costs...generate renewable energy, reduce recidivism, and save money, allowing for lower taxes. I see needs that currently are not addressed."



H. Joseph Perrin Sr.,
American Independent

"As your U.S. Senator I will dedicate my statesmanship to renewing your God-given heritage of individual freedom. I will re-establish your decision making authority, by returning governmental control to your local jurisdictions you and your family will enjoy more control over what is really important to you and your family."

Harold H. Bloomfield,
Natural Law

"Natural Law provides prevention-oriented solutions to our pressing problems. Government today is like a diseased patient, and the two-party system like the worst of modern medicine—crisis driven, expensive, strongly influenced by finance interest ineffective at solving...chronic problems...Prevention-oriented government will heal this situation."

Steve W. Kubby,
Libertarian

"I will protect all Californians' rights. The Constitution and Bill of Rights guide me. Competition will give your children better education. Abandoning the 'war' mentality will give you less violent crime. I'll eliminate income taxes...and we'll give you affordable health care options." (See election pamphlet for comments in Spanish)

Dan Lungren,
Republican

"Gangs, drugs and guns have no place...on our streets. I will appoint common sense judges who recognize the rights of crime victims. I will fight for a renewal of families and values. I will fight for a bottom-up education reform: local control and accountability, merit pay for good teachers, and competency tests."

Gloria Estela La Riva,
Peace and Freedom

"My campaign will mobilize to defend labor and immigrant rights. As a Latina, community and union activist, I am committed to fighting for people's right to decent life—full employment, free healthcare, housing, transportation, a clean environment, education, child-care, senior care, and to a society free of racism, sexism, anti-lesbian/gay bigotry."

Gray Davis,
Democrat

"I offer experience that will move us forward. I've been proud to serve you as Acting Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Controller, Assemblyman, Chief of Staff to a Governor. As Governor, my top priority will be to democratically improve our public schools. I'll take a high-expectation approach to learning by raising standards and holding [everyone involved] accountable."

Dan Hamburg,
Green

"Greens are the strongest 'third party' in California with 28 elected officials. With the last three non-incumbent races for governor decided by margins of less than 4%, your Green vote will be heard loud and clear. We stand for social justice and human dignity...and the abolition of the death penalty. We support the legalization of marijuana."

Nathan E. Johnson,
American Independent

"I am pro-life. The taking of innocent life is never justified. Since 1972 I have worked for San Diego Transit and belong to Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1309. I graduated from Southwestern Jr. College in 1971 with a degree in Accounting. I understand the struggle of working people in California as they try to make ends meet."



On the Nov. '98 Ballot:

Prop 3: Partisan Presidential Primary Elections: Amends the open primary law to require a closed, partisan primary for selecting delegates to national political party presidential nominating conventions.

Prop 5: Tribal-State Gaming Compacts, Tribal Casinos: Specifies terms and conditions of a mandatory compact between the state and Indian tribes for gambling on tribal land, and allows slot machines and banked card games there.

Prop 7: Air Quality Improvement. Tax Credits: Authorizes \$218 million in state tax credits annually until January 2011 to encourage reduction of air emissions through acquisition, conversion or retrofitting of vehicles and other equipment, and air pollution technology.

Prop 9: Electric Utilities, Assessments, Bonds: Prohibits taxes, bonds or surcharges to pay costs of nuclear power plants and limits recovery by electric utility companies for costs of non-nuclear plants. Prohibits issuance of rate reduction bonds.

Prop 11: Local Sales and Use Taxes: Revenue Sharing: Allows local government to make sales tax revenue sharing contracts with a 2/3 vote of the governing bodies.

Prop 1: Property Taxes: Contaminated Property: Allows repair or replacement of contaminated property or structures without increasing the tax valuation of original or replacement property.

Prop 2: Transportation: Funding: Imposes repayment conditions on loans of transportation to other government entities.

Prop 4: Trapping practices: Bans use of specified traps and animal poisons. Bans steel-jawed leghold traps and specified poisons.

Prop 6: Prohibits Slaughter of horses and sale of horse-meat for human consumption: Bans slaughter of horses or sale of horsemeat intended for human consumption.

Prop 8: Education. Parent-teacher Governing Councils. New Office of Chief Inspector of Public Schools: Makes permanent existing funding for class size reduction for districts establishing school-site governing councils of parents and teachers to make all curriculum and expenditure decisions for their schools. Creates a new office of Chief Inspector of Public Schools. Adds provisions for teacher credentialing and evaluations.

Prop 10: State and County Early Childhood Development Programs. Additional Tobacco Surtax: Creates state and county commissions to establish early childhood development and smoking prevention programs. Provides new revenue of \$750 million annually, and reduces revenues for Proposition 99 (smoking prevention) programs of \$7 annually.

Ballot Proposition information provided by the League of Women Voters of California. (www.ca.lwv.org)

Prop-Decision:

What's on the Ballot and How to Decide

Voting Tips '98

Who are the real sponsors and opponents of the measure? Investigate the names of groups with which you are not familiar.

Does the measure deal with one issue which can easily be decided with a "yes" or "no"? Or is it a complex issue which should be thoroughly examined in the legislative arena?

Is it written well? Are there conflicts in the measure that may require court resolution or interpretation? Is it "good government" or will it cause more problems than it will resolve?

If the measure amends the Constitution, consider whether it really belongs in the Constitution. Amending the Constitution is cumbersome and costly and requires a vote of the people. Would a statute accomplish the same purpose?

Examine the measure by its merits. During the campaign, be wary of distortion tactics and commercials that rely on image but tell nothing of substance about the measure.

Does the measure create its own revenue source? Does it earmark, restrict, or obligate a specific percentage of General Funds revenues? Consider the effect on the overall flexibility of the budget.

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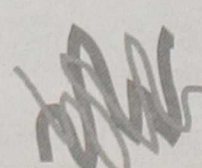
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Coffee and cheese will be served*



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She Said, She Said:

By Varsana Staszak and Regina King

Q: "I am a young woman at a Catholic College and I don't have access to birth control on campus. What should I do?"

REGINA Your college should seriously consider the option of providing birth control to its students. The student body of most Catholic institutions is not 100% Catholic, or practicing Catholics, and it is important to accommodate those women who need access to birth control. It is ludicrous to think that merely having birth control available will promote sexual activity. For those who are active it would promote sexual responsibility, especially for those whose only access to health coverage is that which the school provides. I'm not saying your college should advertise, "Birth control is now on campus," but for those that request it, they should have access to it, or at least to a prescription. Your college should recognize the fact many young women are sexually active. The pain of acknowledging such a fact could (or should) never compare to the possibility of losing students to AIDS, or losing students who drop out due to pregnancy. Abstinence can be considered the SAFEST sex, but only if women practice it, which many don't. The idea women are beginning to free themselves from patriarchal stereotypes and explore their sexuality should not be ignored.

VARSA Your Catholic college

does not have an obligation to provide you with birth control. The Catholic church does not condone the use of birth control. The local diocese could not support a Catholic college which went against the Church's teachings. Your college's obligations are to the church, in upholding its teachings—not necessarily in excluding all other points of view—but its mission nevertheless is to put the church's teachings into practice.

You may not be Catholic or if you are, you may disagree with some doctrine; however, your college does not have to accommodate you by providing you with birth control. They are not preventing you from attaining it elsewhere, so your rights of access are not being denied or disrespected.

You do have other means of attaining birth control. You can go to a free clinic, or, if your health insurance allows, or money is not a problem, you can go to another doctor's office.

You might want to talk with the Health Services department on your campus to find out what they do and don't provide. You could also go to your school's administration—perhaps Student Affairs—and question them for a more detailed explanation. If you approach the situation in a diplomatic way, they will most likely be accommodating in giving you an honest explanation.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that develops from cells of the breast. The disease occurs mostly in women, but does occur rarely in men.

Having a risk factor, or even several, does not necessarily mean that a person will get the disease.

Some women who have some of the risk factors never end up getting the disease. It really depends on the person.

There are different kinds of risk factors. Some, like a person's age, gender or race, cannot be changed. Others are linked to cancer-causing factors in the environment. Still some others are related to personal lifestyle choices, such as smoking, drinking, and diet.

A women's risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. About 77 percent of the women that have breast cancer are over age 50. Women aged between 20-29 account for only 0.3 percent of breast cancer

cases.

Genetic risk factors have been found in 5 to 10 percent of breast cancer cases.

Race has been known to factor into breast cancer cases. White women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than are African-American women. However, African-Americans are more likely to die when they do get breast cancer. Asian and Hispanic women have a lower risk of developing breast cancer.

There is no sure way to prevent breast cancer. As far as we know, the best way for women to prevent cancer is to minimize risk factors whenever possible. Some risk factors are inevitable, but a healthy life style, can help. Also, practice regular self-examinations once a month for early detection. The earlier you detect a lump, the greater chance you have of remaining healthy and cancer-free.

Breast Self Exam

Step 1.—In the Bath or Shower

Examine your breast as you bathe or shower. Your hands will glide easily over wet skin.

Step 2.—Circular Motion

Place one hand behind your head. With your other hand, press flat fingers gently in small circular motions. Begin with your index finger next to your collarbone. Move your hand in a circular fashion, clockwise around the breast.

You will feel a ridge of tissue in the lower curve of your breast. When you reach the top of your breast, use three fingers and continue circling and sliding around your breast. Continue until you reach the nipple. Repeat this step with your other breast.

Step 3.—Squeeze Nipple

Squeeze the nipple gently between thumb and index finger. Any discharge, whether clear or bloody, should be reported to your physician.

This is not a full breast exam; for a full and complete exam, contact a physician or see www.cancer.org/bcn/info/brwhat.html for further details.

BEEN THERE DONE THAT...

By REGINA KING

Students looking for a great way to work out and a new way to meet people will surely find what they're looking for at Rockreation in West Los Angeles. Rockreation is an indoor climbing facility that teaches amateurs the art of rock climbing.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon Jennifer Howard, a Mount student, and myself ventured out into the world of rock climbing. Being that this was my first time, I must admit I was a little nervous. My fears were calmed when, upon arrival, I was greeted by smiling employees, ready to teach me the basics of climbing. My instructor, Wyatt, greeted me and began explaining how the class would begin.

A group of about 10 students and two instructors sat in a comfy circle and we introduced our selves to one another. Once we were introduced, the instructors began explaining how we prepare our harnesses for the climb. After about an hour of instruction, our climb began. The students branched out into groups of three and each had a chance to be the

climber.

When I began my first climb, I was very excited! I was the first in my group to reach the top of the wall, and was rewarded by encouraging words from my fellow climbers. Eventually each of us reached the top and we all congratulated each other with high-fives and enthusiastic words. The class lasted three invigorating hours and was the ultimate in fun. After taking the three-hour class, students are encouraged to continue climbing on their own and/or with a partner. Memberships are offered, as well as special rates for students.

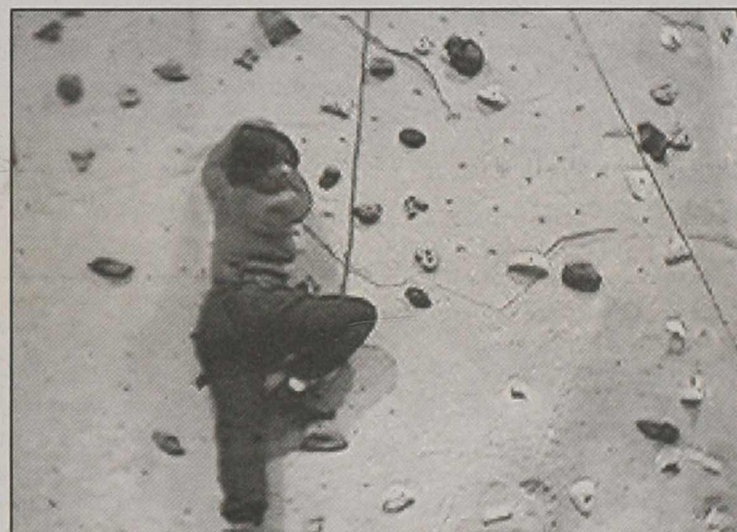
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The adventurous Regina King scales one of the many walls at Rockreation in West Los Angeles, where she spent a fun and rewarding time. (Photo credited to Regina King)

Dawson's Cliche and Felicity's Fluff

By JOSIE G. GARCIA
Contributing Writer

Dawson's Creek, Felicity, and Buffy the Vampire Slayer... what do all of these shows have in common? Nothing but pretty faces and tired, played-out story lines.

If you want proof of this look at *Dawson's Creek*. Dawson and Joey, two longtime friends, are finally united, while his ex-girlfriend Jen, who was becoming friends with Joey, is left alone. Doesn't this sound familiar? Can you say Brenda, Dylan, and Kelly on *Beverly Hills 90210*?

Admittedly, I am caught up in one show that I have not mentioned, *Party of Five*. It is not centered on who is currently going out with whom. Last season focused on Charlie's (Matthew Fox) bout with cancer, while the season before that dealt with Bailey's (Scott Wolf) alcohol abuse. This show has pretty faces, but it also has various plots with substance, instead of those revolving around who likes whom or who's sleeping with whom.

To those shows that involve boy meets girl, boy likes girl's best friend, girl tries to make boy jealous, and so on, I say: "Concentrate more on plot and less on pretty faces."

Felicity: Get over it girl. He does not like you. Stop your psycho acts like mailing this poor guy the college application essay you wrote about him and whining because you cannot have him.

Buffy: How can you hang out with a werewolf and be in love with a vampire when your job is to kill them. Isn't that just a little hypocritical?

Dawson and friends: Get a life. Stop being with each other and start doing something a little more productive, like going to class instead of lingering in the halls talking about the guy or girl you cannot have. Maybe then you will get a real story line.

And for those of you who religiously watch these shows, if you want to know what will happen in the upcoming season, check out the 90210 re-runs that are currently in syndication... you will not be seeing any surprises.

HEALTH FAIR '98



This year's Health Fair, held this past Wednesday, October 21, featured many community groups, encouraging and offering awareness on a variety of subjects, including information on epilepsy.

Those in attendance could opt to have their vision and hearing tested. Plus various tests for a person's back were performed.

As pictured, students were offered neck massages. (Photo by Moria Demby)

Beyond the Mount: Aluminate Career Focus

By VERONICA AGUILERA
Assistant Editor

Susan Silverman is a Mount graduate who obtained her Bachelor of Arts in English in 1992 and is currently the vice-president of special events for Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios in California.

After graduating, the idea of becoming a teacher crossed her mind, but it did not interest her. She decided she wanted to go on to law school.

Her experience in law school was not what she expected and, "when it didn't work," she confessed, "a friend of mine recommended me into this position." She is in charge of putting together proposals for the company and presenting outlines of special events to be held.

Before coming to the Mount, Silverman attended University of

California at Santa Barbara and then went to Europe to study abroad. Her decision to become an English major was not thought about twice. "I have always loved reading literature," replied Silverman. Her grandmother was a librarian and everybody in her family majored in English in college, so she spent most of her childhood reading books and enjoying every minute of it. "Picking up a book and talking about it is natural to me," she said.

Silverman feels that being an English major has definitely helped her in this position because she learned how to research and read critically, which her job requires. Silverman was a returning student at the Mount, but she felt "being an English major was a good foundation for any field and could open doors for me and anybody else."

URBAN URBANE

By AMANDA PRINCE
Layout Editor

In 1919, after having fought victoriously for the United States in World War I, many Black Americans returned to the states with a new sense of entitlement to the basic rights that had previously denied them solely because of their race. This sense of entitlement was closely linked to the development of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s.

The Harlem Renaissance, which lasted from about 1919 until 1929, was a cultural movement which spanned many artistic genres, including the visual as well as the performance and literary arts. Artists such as Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Aaron Douglas, James Van Der Zee, Josephine Baker, Paul Robeson all rose to enduring fame during this age.

These artists were inspired by Black heritage—a departure from the Black art of the previous century which was of a largely religious focus and avoided overtly black themes—and not only celebrated their ancestry, but also explored a wide range of Black lifestyles. The

Renaissance also laid the foundation for future generations of Black artists.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art featured an exhibit called "Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance." This exhibit features works from various Renaissance artists, including Aaron Douglas, James Van Der Zee, Winold Reiss, Langston Hughes and Paul Robeson. These works are of a tremendous variety and represent both urban and rural lifestyles. One of the most striking works is Aaron Douglas's "Aspiration," an oil on canvas painting done with muted pastels and silhouetted figures. "Aspiration" shows three (two male and one female) black figures standing on a pedestal holding tools of learning; in the foreground are numerous shackled hands reaching up to the three figures. In the distance, sits an emerald city, casting brilliant rays of light. This theme of advancement is common throughout much of the work from this time and there seems to be little bitterness about past injustices; instead there is hope, pride and a renewed self-awareness.

In the Stars: YOUR HOROSCOPE

Scorpio

(Oct.23-Nov.21)

It's time to pick up the pieces, though it will take some effort. Use your strength and enterprise to make a new discovery.

Someone who loves you for who you are will help you overcome your obstacles, all you have to do is ask. An act of generosity leaves you feeling secure; return the favor to someone who needs it. This is a time of growth and discovery. Trust yourself. Pay special attention to a message, even if it seems cryptic or hidden.



Sagittarius

(Nov.22-Dec.21)

Lately you have been having success with money matters. Be careful, the money may not last as long as you think. It may be good to save some for another day. Don't let a disappointment get you down. Remember who your real family is. They love and support you. A visit "home" may do you some good. You will triumph over an obstacle and it will leave you feeling powerful, but be careful not to become power hungry. A newfound strength leads you to an exciting discovery.

Capricorn

(Dec.22-Jan.19)

Right now you feel very loved. You are happy and content. Things are also going well — bringing success, action, and honors. Watch your stress levels, don't let the pressure build to unmanageable levels — ask for help if you need it. Your achievements may land you in a position of power, which could bring the possibility of making uncomfortable decisions. Don't be afraid to exercise your authority and judgment. Watch for an arrival or invitation.

Aquarius

(Jan.20-Feb.18)

Use your creative abilities to start a new project. A flurry of activity brings hope and happiness, which will ease the pain of a loss. Take some time to reflect on where you are versus where you would like to be. A message may lead to an unlikely business transaction. Remember what your responsibilities are, and listen to your intuition. An abundance of joy and contentment lie on the horizon.

Pisces

(Feb.19-Mar.20)

Be brave and use your skills when you face the opposition. You can succeed! Good fortune is coming your way. Use your wisdom and better judgment. Past accomplishments will lead you to success. You are honest, loving, fair and wise. People respect your abilities. Attempt the unexpected. You never know what you may accomplish. Your wishes and hopes are not frivolous. Hold them dear. You hold the key to making them come true.

Aries

(Mar.21-April 19)

Your future is still hidden, and your path is unsure. Right now you are in the middle of a mystery; secrets and intrigue fill the scene. Don't be disappointed by a delay. Keep your wits about you — don't be deceived. A discovery leads to an unlikely trade and an interesting business

partner. The opposition you may face is truly worthy, it will take creativity and effort to defeat it; but victory will be sweet. You may get the chance to travel or embark on a journey of a different nature. Don't be afraid, take the plunge!

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Your studies have been the focus of your life. Scholarship is important to you. You have been given some authority because your judgment is trusted. You are happy and surrounded by friends who love you. A bunch of things all seem to happen at once, but they will all lead to good results. Your hard work and dedication will pay off.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

It's time to put a loss behind you. You don't have to overcome obstacles alone, there are people who will gladly give you a shoulder to lean on. Good will triumph, leading to a period of balance in your crazy life. Use good judgment before entering into a new business arrangement. A whirlwind of activity may leave you feeling confused, but in the end it will lead to great things.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

Stability is the key word in your life right now. You have many responsibilities that you are trying to keep in order. A mystery may lead you to the truth you seek. Use your creativity on an upcoming opportunity. Don't let all your activities keep you from family responsibilities, you may need their support to get through hard times. It is very difficult to have both security and liberty. You might have to decide which is more important.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

You deserve a break from your labors. Find some time to reward yourself. Be careful not to wear yourself out. You may find something you have lost in the most peculiar of places. Be satisfied with your successes, everyone else is. Don't forget your friends, you need them as much as they need you. A journey leads you in a surprising direction.

Virgo

(Aug.23-Sept.22)

Things are on the bright side. You are happy, you have great friends and everything is going well. Don't let a disappointment throw you for a loop. Treasure your fond memories and revisit them often. But don't let the past distract you from the future. You will triumph over something you have been battling with for awhile. Equity may be within your grasp. Take special care of a meaningful item.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct.22)

You have a reputation of being fair and honest, as well as intelligent and successful. Take some time for introspection, it may help you gain insight on a situation. Take time to mourn a loss and you will find peace. Remain watchful, and if something is wrong, speak up; you don't have to remain silent. Try to remain calm through bad news or a conflict, there are better ways to solve your problems.

By SUZI "THE PSYCHIC"
SCHROEDER

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Vegetarians Face Food Discrimination in the Cafeteria

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By VARSANA STASZAK

Copy Editor

There is a disparity between claims made by Food Services and students regarding vegetarian selections in the Chalon cafeteria. Roberto Onofre, Head Chef, claims that at every meal a vegetarian entree is offered in addition to the meat entree, starch-based item, and vegetables. Students, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian alike, have observed this to not always be the case.

At lunch on Wednesday, November 11, no vegetarian entree was served. A meat casserole, french fries and a vegetable side dish were available.

Hayley Raynes, a fourth year student and a vegetarian, recalls one dinner when there were several meat entrees, but no vegetarian entrée. Raynes says, "There are a lot more choices for meat-eaters than vegetarians."

Alissa Connor, a second year student and a vegetarian, thinks vegetarian entrees are "non-existent" in the cafeteria. Connor experienced a troublesome episode one meal in the cafeteria when a label claiming "vegetable egg rolls" led her to bite into what was actually a chicken egg roll. "That's offensive to me. They need to have it [the food] well-marked," she says.

Raynes agrees that there is a problem with mislabelling. She says, "Several times, I have bitten into meat accidentally."

Onofre realizes, "We don't put as much attention as we want [to vegetarian food]. You'll notice a difference once we put the [recipes and nutritional information] out and we meet with the



Whether vegetarian or an omnivore, Mount students are regularly finding it difficult to get healthy, nutritious vegetarian entrees in the Chalon cafeteria. (Photo by Joycelyn Lee)

Food and Beverage Coordinator, Robert Torres."

Nicole Casanova, a fourth year student who is not a vegetarian, says, "It doesn't seem well-balanced [for vegetarians]. I feel like they're all just serving the same stuff, or it all tastes the same. They need variety."

Casanova observes the vegetarian options are almost always pasta or vegetables. Raynes also finds that there is no variety, particularly in the salad bar. "There are no sunflower seeds or other protein sources, and no variety in lettuce."

Raynes likes the veggie burgers, but thinks they're not served often enough. "We can only eat mashed potatoes so many times. We pay the same amount of money as everyone else, but we can only eat about a quarter [of the food]. They don't have to charge us less, but should offer us more options."

"We are planning more options," Onofre says, "We have meetings twice a month to change the menus and try something new if something didn't work out. We change the menus every other month and experi-

ment with healthy dishes."

Onofre announced plans to add a potato bar and improve the sandwich bar, as well as serve more fish dishes, and provide steamed rice everyday. Onofre has even considered offering meatless sausages and hotdogs. He also explained that the cottage cheese in the salad bar is low fat and the tuna is fresh. Connor says, "They should realize there are different degrees of vegetarianism."

Onofre wants to assure students that no lard or meat broth is (Continued on Page Two)

The Confusion Over Phone Costs

By SUMMER CERVANTEZ
Editor

Mount students are facing both new and recurring problems with the residents' telephone service provider, Student Telephone Services. In response, the Telecommunications department is conducting weekly lunchtime meetings, and encouraging students with concerns to contact Telecommunications.

The biggest conflict this semester has been over the on and off again establishment of the local prefixes for the 12 mile free local calling range that STS offers. Last week a complete list of calling prefixes was sent out to all students.

Larry Smith, Assistant Vice President of Information Technologies, explained, "We have been working with STS, GTE and Pacific Bell for several months—it took a long time to get a definitive list...prefixes are constantly changing."

Diana Nunez-Marticorena, Assistant to Vice President of Information Technologies, further explained that "STS looks at

at general information to establish the 12 mile free calling range, like from telephone books...in order to make sure we were giving students the correct and up-to-date information, it took a lot of research."

Nunez-Marticorena encourages students who have noticed incorrect billing for local calls to highlight them and bring a copy to the Telecommunications department. STS has promised they will credit students' accounts for incorrect charges.

She also would like for students to attend the weekly lunch meetings, which are held just outside the cafeteria on Thursdays. There students can have their questions answered by a member of the telecommunications staff.

Though, despite such efforts, some students are still disappointed. "It [the telephone service] hasn't improved...the card code they gave me doesn't work...It would be better to have Pacific Bell; they at least have three way and call waiting..."

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National News from Colleges and Universities

Brown University Graduate Student Charged With Poisoning Two Students

(U-Wire) Providence, Rhode Island—Providence police arrested Cheng Gu, a graduate student, last Friday and charged him with poisoning two fellow students—Yuanxuan Xiao, his ex-girlfriend and James O'Brien, her roommate—with a radioactive chemical he allegedly stole from a Brown laboratory.

Gu faces five felony charges: assault against O'Brien, domestic assault against Xiao, larceny for theft of the radioactive material from Brown, poisoning O'Brien and poisoning Xiao.

Nickel said that neither Xiao nor O'Brien have suffered any serious health consequences as a result of the exposure, due to the relatively small amount they consumed.

University South Florida Settles Gender Lawsuit

(U-Wire) Tampa, Florida—A gender discrimination lawsuit filed against the University of South Florida in February was

settled out of court Thursday, but plaintiff Mary Ellen Kimmel said USF still has strides to make before the issues are resolved.

As part of the settlement, USF will create two programs to help alleviate inequitable salary practices based on gender or other non-performance related factors, and will also pay \$144,000 to be split between Kimmel, four other plaintiffs and their attorney.

According to Kimmel, the settlement is an admission that USF discriminated against senior women faculty members by paying them less than male counterparts. The original lawsuit asked for 20 million.

Protestors Gather to Dispute Appointment of Princeton University Professor

(U-Wire) Princeton, New Jersey—A handful of Princeton University students joined about 30 other people assembled last Saturday to protest the appointment of Peter Singer as the Ira W.

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Food Discrimination

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used. All broth is vegetable-based. A cholesterol-free egg product is used in place of eggs. In addition, to be health-conscious, no MSG is used, while extra virgin olive oil, as well as vegetable or canola oils are used for deep-frying. "We're trying to get away from fatty food," he says.

A book of recipes and nutritional information was placed in the cafeteria on November 2. "I'm excited to see nutritional information in the cafeteria," Connor states.

Phone Confusion

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said Melissa Williams, a second year student.

For other students, like Julie Wennerstorm, and Rachel Simonelli, both first year students, STS's rates are cause for concern.

"It's a pain in the butt because I can't call home before seven because it's too expensive," said Wennerstorm.

Simonelli said, "...I don't like the way we have to go through STS; it's too expensive. I'd prefer a phone system where we could pick our own carriers and have more control over our phone rates."

Other students feel the \$100 phone limit is too harsh. In response to these complaints about the \$100 phone limit, Nunez-Marticorena, responded, "I put it [the limit] there because I didn't know how students would handle their personal

Onofre has vegetarian cookbooks, but wants feedback. "I would like all vegetarians to give suggestions...Suggestions are answered," he says.

Casanova suggested that the chef take a class on vegetarian cooking. Connor would like a forum of vegetarian students and Food Services staff to discuss vegetarian food and healthy food in general. Raynes believes, "The quality of the vegetarian food should be as good as the meat-based food."

accounts...students can request an increase and after checking the consistency of their payment schedules, I will grant them an increase...really, I'm looking after students for what they can handle...if students don't pay their bill it can go against their credit."

Also new this year, STS will keep records of all local and long-distance phone calls students make with their STS phone codes. Nunez-Marticorena explained that the reason for this "is to keep track of all the calls the students make within the 12 mile free calling radius," although she did not comment as to why this is necessary on a long term basis.

Smith concluded, "We want to face any problems there are head on...we make no pretenses in perfect, but there are more changes that will be coming and working out the problems is a group effort."

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DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at the University Center for Human Values.

Carrying posters calling Singer "P.U.'s Professor of Death," the protestors stood for two hours, distributing fliers and excerpts of Singer's writings.

In his book, *Practical Ethics*, Singer compares human life to animal life, arguing that simply because people are human does not mean that their lives are more valuable than those of animals. His views on euthanasia and animal rights come from a belief that life necessitates rationality, autonomy, and self-consciousness.

Michigan State University Fraternity Members Suspended in Roofie Investigation

(U-Wire) East Lansing, Michigan—Psi Upsilon's international headquarters has suspended all 42 members of its MSU chapter as it continues to investigate allegations that a fraternity guest was given the "date-rape drug" Rophynol.

Members will be interviewed individually before being allowed to rejoin the fraternity. This "reorganization" should be completed by the end of the semester. "Reorganization" is considered the most severe action the international organization can take short of revoking a chapter's charter.

Study Finds Proposition 209 Decreasing Diversity in the Workplace and Schools

(U-Wire) Berkeley, California—The number of women and minorities represented in the work force and at higher education institutions have declined since California voters approved Proposition

209, a new study found.

The 1996 voter-approved measure that banned race-based preferences in California public education admissions and employment has caused California women and minorities to become increasingly underrepresented in the work force and schools, the groups Equal Rights Advocates and Chinese for Affirmative Action found in a report released this Tuesday.

The study, titled, "Opportunities Lost: The State of the Public Sector Affirmative Action in Post-Proposition 209 California," tracked and surveyed 68 different state agencies, counties, cities, and school districts.

The study also reports that Proposition 209 has led agencies to increase their resistance to outreach and other affirmative action programs.

Proposition 1A Increases Funding for the University of California System

(U-Wire) Davis, California—The recent passage of Proposition 1A by California voters will provide essential funding for the construction and renovation of University of California facilities.

According to a recent press release, UC President Richard C. Atkinson, said the approval of the proposition constitutes "a major breakthrough." The 9.2 million bond measure contains 2.5 billion for public higher education facilities. This amount will be shared equally among the UC, California State University and California Colleges systems over a four-year period.

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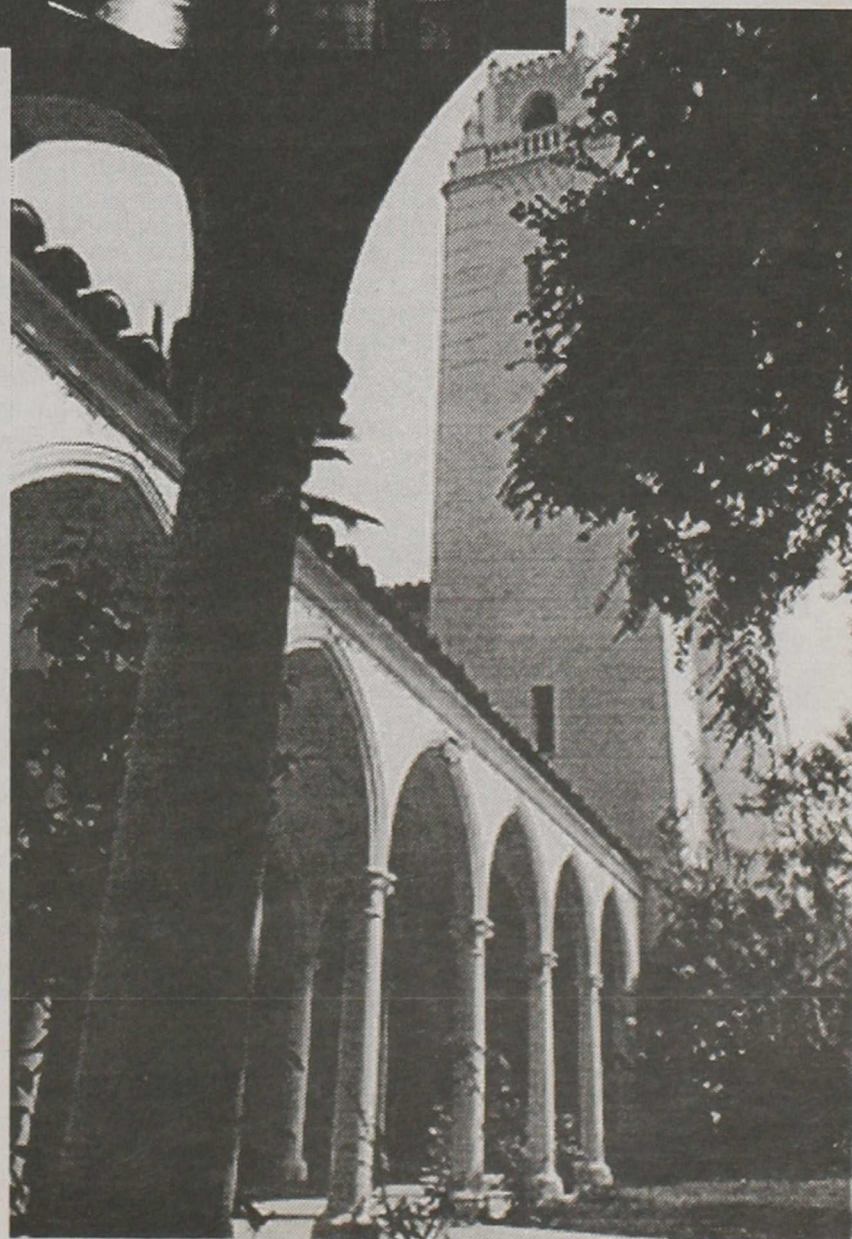
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I didn't like high school the first time. And I certainly don't appreciate having to relive it through the recent flashbacks I've been having, brought about by that dreaded question, "So, what are you planning on doing after you finish school (insert college when necessary)?"

What startles me most is I look around and some of my fellow students actually DO know what career path they are intending to walk...corporate lawyer, businesswoman, teacher...for them, the list is short. For me, the list of possible choices is infinite. I have anxiety attacks that even that after two and a half years of study I am still unable to answer this question with any sort of competence.

When I started college, I thought my classes and extracurricular activities would narrow down my interests...wrong again. College has opened up so many more worlds for me, I don't know where to travel to first.

And the pressure to pick some sort of direction is everywhere...my professors, who are reminding me now is the ideal time to look at grad schools, my family—especially my poor mom, who has always been supportive, but who I don't think I ever really convinced a double major in psychology and philosophy was the way to go; my friends, some of whom already have families and jobs; and my boyfriend, who is my soulmate and best friend, but who is not likely to get me to settle down anytime soon.

Oh, and from myself. Did I mention that? The pressure from myself is overwhelming. Lately I have started to have "anxiety dreams"...being chased by grad school applications with reaching arms and GREmlins who taunt me I will never get a high enough analytical score.

Is it really possible that I haven't changed at all since the

first grade? You know when you're little, and Ms. Plum, your bubbly teacher would ask, "What do you want to be when you're grown up?" "I have more than one thing," I would murmur shyly. "Ok, well you may share more than one with us." (Little did she know...) "Well, I was thinking I would like to be a writer or a teacher," I began...but, I may want to be a psychologist, or school counselor, or newspaper editor, or maybe a mom, or a politician...maybe president...(it was here my teacher began to look annoyed), or a revolutionary, or Mother Theresa, or a priest, or a fisherman, or a lawyer, or a garbage collector."

Why is it that I can't seem to narrow down my interests? Why does it seem that when everyone else is busy mapping out goals, I'm staring off into space?

Sure, I have interests. I have lots of them.

But nothing I can commit myself to doing for more than a few months at a time.

And, since we are a DO, DO, DO...ACCOMPLISH, SUCCEED, MAKE MONEY society...I feel like a slacker lost amidst a world of over-achievers.

But why? I am active in my community and in my college. I get relatively decent grades. I go to class...occasionally. And occasionally I am inspired by something I learn.

There is such pressure in our society to BECOME something... but becoming in our society usually means deciding on a career choice. What about the quest for self? What about observing and understanding the world we live in BEFORE we throw ourselves in the middle of it and create mayhem and mess?

I say it is time for myself, and those like me to release ourselves from the strains of becoming, and just be happy we have even been afforded the right to be in college. Many are not so lucky. The right to seek and to find is truly a precious one. And with this mind, maybe one day I will be able to answer the question, "What do I want to be when I grow up?"



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Dining



By REGINA KING

Staff Writer

(Photo by Leighdia Sandoval)

Anyone who is a student knows the value of a great meal at a reasonable price. The Westside Wok is just that. Located on the northeast corner of Wilshire and Bundy in West Los Angeles, the small Mongolian restaurant is understated, yet big on appeal. The first thing that strikes you is the atmosphere. The dining room is done in 80s art deco with mirrors, maroon marbled paint, and light fixtures on the wall that give off a dim glow. There are also TVs on the ceiling and each one is tuned to a different channel. However, the sound is off and the radio, playing mostly 80s music, is turned up high enough that the TV characters look as if they are lip-synching to the radio.

And, when you walk into the restaurant, be prepared to get stuffed! One of the best options we recommend is the buffet. It features fresh vegetables including: white and green onions, broccoli, mushrooms, cabbage, tomatoes, and bean sprouts,

to name a few, and frozen, thinly sliced meats—chicken, lamb, pork and beef. Traditionally the customer purchases "one" bowl of uncooked food and piles it as high as possible with meat, noodles, vegetables, and spices. After piling on the food, it is then time to take your creation to the cook. On

a large metal slab, your food is whipped into an aromatic frenzy in front of your eyes.

"The Wok" is popular among students, because for only \$6.46, you can feed yourself for a couple of days if you take it home! On our visit, we stacked our bowls so high that we were each able to get totally stuffed, and had take home boxes too!

"The Wok" also offers a wide variety of Mongolian foods, including potstickers and sesame bread.

We highly recommend the Westside Wok because it's not too expensive and it's fun. Go for the atmosphere, go for the food, go with your friends, and prepare to eat!

So, for great food, prices and atmosphere, take a "wok" into Westside Wok—Mongolian BBQ.

With SUZI SCHROEDER, Managing Editor

Encounter with Beggar Hits Close to Home

By KEVIN PRIDE

The Chronicle (Duke University)

His name was Dwayne. He stood at a modest height of about 5' 6", by no means an imposing figure. He probably weighed no more than 150 pounds. I was walking with my girlfriend out of everyone's favorite nighttime hot spot, "George's Garage," when he walked up to us.

His approach was quite different than any "beggar" I had previously encountered. He was meek, almost embarrassed at having to ask for help. But he was observant and keen—he noticed my license plate was from Kentucky.

"What part of Kentucky are you from, man?"

"It's a small town, you've probably never heard of it."

"I was just wondering, 'cause I used to live in Morganfield myself."

I was nearly speechless, I could hardly believe it. Here I am, over 700 miles from my small-town home of Sturgis, Kentucky (population 2000) and I just met a guy from the next town over. The odds must have been nearly a million to one. The last time I saw a guy from back home near the University was, well, my brother when he was a student here. There aren't even very many Duke students from Kentucky, much less the diminutive place where I grew up. This was truly exceptional.

So Dwayne and I hung out and talked for about 20 minutes. We didn't talk about poverty. We didn't talk about hunger. We didn't talk about any of the unfortunate things people are commonly reminded of at the sight of a homeless person or a "bum." Nope, we didn't talk about any of that stuff.

We talked about home.

About how he worked and studied at the local Job Corps in Morganfield, the largest such institution in the country, designed to prepare young people for success in the "real" world. We conversed about weekend nights at the skating rink in Henderson, a nearby town. We spoke of Evansville, Ind., and of Louisville, Ky., two nearby cities where locals often travel. And yes, we even talked about Sturgis, my home town, and about the now closed jeans factory where he used to work in the early 1980s.

Dwayne and I walked to Jimmy John's and I bought him a sandwich and a cup of hot coffee. I gave him the leftover change that I had on me to

help him pay for a night at the downtown homeless shelter (which requires a nightly fee). I was wild with thoughts of home and of the random chance of my actually meeting another person on the street who once lived there.

And then my thoughts changed. I began to think about home in a different way, as a place that could send two different people out into the world on two completely different paths, both ambitious, and how it could some day, many years later, give them a natural sense of commonality with one another.

And then I thought about where I was in 1984, Dwayne's last year in Morganfield. I was just a youngster of seven or so, in the first grade. Dwayne was probably a teenager, full of the same ambition that is common to all adolescents, thoughts that imbue within them the will to succeed and convince them that such a will can determine a reality. We lived only 10 minutes apart in a landscape dominated by fields and trees, not skyscrapers. We really weren't that far apart.

But we were.

Here I am at the University, many years later, and there is Dwayne from Morganfield on the streets, asking me for help. And so I helped him, it was not very difficult.

He admitted that he had certain rules to begging. Number one, don't approach women who are alone. "It only scares them," he explained. And number two, "No means no, and I have to accept that, I can't expect everyone to help."

But I helped Dwayne, and my reason for doing so was simple: Because I could. I'm glad to help out my fellow man whenever possible, and I don't mean buying him a bottle of whiskey. No one should go hungry, that's all there is to it. We've got people in this world with so much food in their refrigerators that they have to throw some out to make room for newer and fresher food, while at the same time we've got the Dwayne's of the world, who would go hungry if it weren't for begging.

The message here is simple: If you can help out your fellow man, then by all means, do. Use a little empathy and put yourself in that person's shoes—you just might understand where they're coming from. It's the philanthropy of everyday life, and we need more of it.

Adopt-A-School Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year, Campus Ministry and Student Activities are working together to provide a memorable Thanksgiving dinner to the families and children of the Boyle Heights elementary schools in East L.A. In order to make this project a success, we need each club's active participation.

Student Activities is holding a contest between the Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. Those who turn in the most non-perishable canned foods to the Student Activities Office will win a free pizza party (or ice cream, depending on Student Activities).

CLUBS: Your help is needed in promoting this contest to your club members. It is safe to assume that your organization has members representing the entire spectrum of classes. Please encourage your members to bring their donated canned goods to the Student Activities Office from November 16th to the 24th.

Perhaps you can give your members incentives by offering service hour points for a certain amount of donated goods. We appreciate your help on behalf of the rest of the Mount Community.



HOMOSEXUALITY & HATE

Prince
in print



by Amanda Prince

On October 7, Matthew Shepard, a 21 year old student at the University of Wyoming, met Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, 22 and 21 respectively, at the Laramie, Wyoming Fireside Lounge. After disclosing his homosexuality, Shepard was invited into McKinney and Henderson's car; they then took him to a ridge just outside of town where he was pistol-whipped until his skull caved in, tied to a fence and left for dead. Shepard was eventually found and taken to a hospital in Colorado. As he lay dying in that hospital, college students staged parades mocking his homosexuality. When he finally died, as his family and friends grieved, anti-gay protestors picketed his funeral.

Shepard's murder has left a wide wake in America's political and social cultures. Supporters both on Capitol Hill and in the public have been reminded that even though America's perception of homosexuality has dramatically and promisingly changed in the past twenty years (according to a Time/CNN poll, roughly 64% of Americans think homosexuality is acceptable, as opposed to 41% in 1978), there's still more ground to cover.

Opponents in Washington are playing a familiar game, trying to condemn the crime without condoning the victim's "lifestyle." This ambiguous position on the part of conservatives like Trent Lott, who has labeled gays "sinners" and compares them to kleptomaniacs and alcoholics, has done nothing but nurture the bigots of America. Bigots like Fred Phelps, who has a website dedicated entirely to the oxymoronic belief that "God hates fags." Of course liberals and other supporters aren't entirely without blame in this respect either; President Clinton, a supposed long-time supporter of gay rights, has often waffled when faced with making a definitive decision—like that regarding gays in the military, or gay marriages.

However, none of this could ever sufficiently justify why anyone would assault, kill, hate and condemn another person essentially because they don't like

what that person does in their bedroom. The best explanation is likely found in a combination of factors.

Fear and ignorance have been suggested—we fear what we don't know and to many, homosexuality is an alien concept. The myth of the all-American man, so deeply engrained in the subconscious of America, has been presented, suggesting that the idea of a gay man is contradictory to the American patriarchy's ideal man of strength, brawn and pulsating (yet wholesome) virility. There is a similar standard for women, of course, which characterizes a woman as being submissive, pretty and fertile—without much beyond that being necessary. Religion has also been blamed. In Christianity, some say the Bible explicitly prohibits homosexuality. Also, sex is defined as a procreational act; homosexual sex is strictly a recreational act (although so is protected heterosexual sex.)

However, Christianity also stresses forgiveness and condemning the "sin" but loving the "sinner," as well as emphasizing God's infinite love and forgiveness. That doesn't correspond with God "hating" anyone. And no where in Christianity is the killing of another condoned. In addition to these factors is the fact that sexuality in itself is complicated as well as difficult to dissect and explain.

Regardless of the possible excuses, the murder of Matthew Shepard was an evil act. May Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson spend eternity in the very hellfires their supporters condemned Matthew Shepard to. Whether or not one agrees with another's sexual preference is irrelevant—it is no one else's business and has very little effect on anyone else anyway. For whatever reasons one may disagree with what others practice in their private lives, it's not anyone's duty, right or authority to judge or try to change another person because one disagrees. Your energies would be better directed at improving yourself—we're really only qualified to make recommendations to ourselves.

What's most relevant is that we're all people, despite the countless differences among us, and the only duty we truly have is to respect each other's personal freedom and existence as a human being.

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Phone Problems Come Back to Haunt Resident

By SUZI SCHROEDER
Managing Editor

Take a close look at your phone bill. If it seems like déjà vu, it is not. The phone problems are back. The same problems we faced last fall are back—except there are no forums, petitions and boycotts to combat them.

At the beginning of the year we were allowed to dial out locally without having to use a code. Then we got a memo that we would now have to use our codes. It has taken months to determine the prefixes that are considered "local," which in our case, according to STS, supposedly constitutes a 12 mile radius. Those things should have been settled and determined over the summer, or even better, before we got the new system.

No one ever informed us beforehand that we would be charged for local calls until things could be straightened out with STS, so students were paying for calls they shouldn't have been. Check all your phone bills carefully. If there is a problem with charges within the radius, highlight it and take to the Telecommunications office (H214). Every time your code is imputed you incur a charge, even if the call is to the security gate! According to Telecommunications, we should pay the full bill and when they get the list of prefixes from GTE straightened out with STS our accounts will be credited for local calls. This should not be happening.

Also, STS is in Arizona where there are only 2 area codes in the entire state, while in Los Angeles even the Chalon and Doheny campuses have different

area codes. If they are going to do business with a California college, then they should understand the California phone system, instead of making the already overworked telecommunications staff deal with it. But why couldn't they just let us dial out? It would have been easier on everyone. The memo we received stated that the college wanted to monitor what numbers we call. Our phone calls are persona. If offices do not have to impute codes for local calls why should we?

With STS we also have no options such as call waiting, call forwarding, call forwarding or call return. If a student is receiving unwanted phone calls there is no way to block or trace them. This could be dangerous if someone were having a serious problem with it, also because with the current system it would be hard for her to change her phone number.

STS claims that the offered rates are low and competitive, where in actuality, with all the phone wars, we could do much better with a regular long-distance carrier, especially with offers like "a dime a minute" or "five-cent Sundays." For example it costs \$0.28 per minute to call Maryland with STS and only \$0.10 with Sprint or AT&T and with all the different offers and discount codes you could pay even less. We are being forced to pay high rates if we want to call long distance just because we live on campus. The offices do not have STS, and they most likely pay do not pay as much as we do for long distance calls.

We are also adults who are responsible for our own actions.

Many of us have loans, credit cards and car payments. We should not have to have a \$100 phone limit like children. We, as adults, are capable of monitoring our own phone expenses. It is hypocritical to say "yes you may have \$5000 in loans, but your phone bill may never go above \$100." It would be one thing if someone had a problem with paying their bills, it is another to treat all of us as if we are incapable of being responsible. For out of area students, it is very easy to run up high phone bills, especially if you are forced to pay outrageous prices. It is also devastating when an out of area student who needs to make an emergency call home finds out she cannot because her code has been deactivated.

It is unfair that we, as resident students, are forced to put up with STS. We were not asked if we wanted it, and we were not asked if we wanted it to return this year after all of last year's problems. Monopolies are not tolerated in business, so we should not tolerate them here. We do not have the option to choose our own carriers and rates, it is if we are being punished by being residents. We should not have to choose to either subject ourselves to STS's ridiculous rules and rates or do without phone services—it is unfair! After all, we live in the land of choice and freedom. We chose to attend the Mount, we chose to live on campus, but we did not choose STS or their rates, that needs to change.

With BECKY LYSKOVSKI,
Contributing Columnist



Thanksgiving



Once again the holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Turkeys are being bought and stored, menus planned and large family gatherings will be underway. While dreams of sweet potato pie, turkey, dressing, and cranberries flood the minds of so many, I decided to find out what Thanksgiving really means to us.

How do you celebrate Thanksgiving?

What are you thankful for?

How do you feel about the commercialization of the holidays?



"My extended family gathers in my home for dinner."
- Carol Walker
4th year student



"My friends and family"
-Becky Lysakovski
3rd year student



"...We are so focused on the feast that we forget the tradition of the first settlers."
-Elizabeth Miller
1st year student



"My grandmother dedicates what she is thankful for from each of her grandchildren while the family is at her home."
-Tina Boteilho
2nd year student



"My mother, my health and the level of education I have reached."
-Maria King
1st year student

"It takes away from the whole point of the holiday...people are just concerned with the food, gifts, etc."
-Stephanie Gray
3rd year student

"My family is so large, they can finally come together...The morning of Thanksgiving is very festive while the food is being prepared."
-Maria Briceño
3rd year student



"My life and my family, especially my sister Angelica."
-Concha Dueñas
2nd year student



"Thanksgiving is more made to seem like Mom cooking, and Dads eating. Ya know?"
-Angelica Dueñas
1st year student



The Flower Market on San Vicente in Brentwood prepares for the upcoming Thanksgiving festivities and shopping season.
(Photo by Leighdia Sandoval)

Contrary to popular belief, American Indians didn't eat cranberries; but they did find them useful for dying fabric and decorating pottery...

Pumpkins are indigenous to North America, so it's unlikely the Pilgrims knew how to prepare them; if they did eat them, it was probably boiled or baked. It couldn't have been in pie—they had run out of wheat flour months before.

The majority of revenue for department stores, malls and chain outlets is from sales from Thanksgiving to the beginning of January. Without it, they wouldn't be able to keep their doors open the rest of the year.

"That's the most ridiculous idea I've ever heard!"

-What Thomas Jefferson thought about the idea of "Thanksgiving"...
and other little known Thanksgiving facts and trivia

During his administration, Franklin Delano Roosevelt tried to move Thanksgiving to the third week in November to create a longer Christmas shopping season and to reduce government expenses. There was such a public uproar that it was restored to the fourth week the following year.

The turkey was not a bird originally indigenous to North America; like the horse, it was introduced to the continent by the Spanish and quickly flourished in the wilderness.

For more thanksgiving facts, visit
www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/2321/thanksgiving/t_facts.html

November 19, 1998

In the Stars: Your Horoscope

Scorpio

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Your communication skills are at a high. Clarity and inspiration have come into your life. Use this to aid you in an upcoming interview.



This is a good time to tell someone something that you have been meaning to tell them. A difficult situation you have been experiencing, either professionally or personally, will be transformed.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You really are making a difference in the world around you, even if it doesn't always seem that way. You may have to travel in order to make the social contributions that you feel are needed at this time. Your services and talents are greatly needed and appreciated.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It is time to get in touch with your inner leader. This is a time of travel and opportunities for you, but it is still important to stay focused on what really counts. You are capable of taking care of yourself, though you may have to prove it. Try not to abandon yourself; you have the ability to stay in control.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your life has been topsy-turvy lately, but now it will start turning in more positive directions. You hold the key to creating new possibilities and fortunes in your life; being open to unexpected opportunities will help. Remember that inflexible habits and opinions create a lack rather than abundance.

Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Trust your intuition and curiosity. This has been a time of learning for you, but you still have many more lessons to go. This is an excellent time to attempt to stabilize things in your life and attempt a return to balance. Listen and trust the deepest parts of yourself.

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You are determined to break old habits and unresolved hang-ups. It may also be a good time to reflect upon the patterns in your life and

decide if you are pleased with the results. Don't be afraid to express your inner nature.

Taurus

Apr. 20-May 20

Your creativity is at full strength, use this to your advantage. The beasts within you have been tamed, at least for the time being. Have faith and trust in your abilities, others do. Stay in your strength and don't abandon yourself.

Gemini

May 21-June 20

You may need to be reminded that you do have the capacity to give and receive love. Your nature can be very maternal and loving. Right now your emotional nature is currently in balance. Issues surrounding an important woman-figure in your life are also coming to light.

Cancer

June 21-July 22

A relationship may bring about an important choice that is yours alone to make, especially about those relationships you would like to expand and those you would like to break off. You may also desire not to be barred in relationships. There may be other important choices you need to make. Trust yourself and your choice will be a wise one.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

It is time to let go of old patterns so that you can express and experience a new part of yourself. You have the capacity to change and transform at deep levels. This may also be a good time to restructure your relationships, or let go of certain situations so that you can move forward.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You are committed to implementing creative and innovative ideas to help the planet and make the world a better place. You may find your self-esteem increasing to the point that you can help others with their own self-esteem issues. You may find recognition for noteworthy accomplishments or services.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

It is time to restore simplicity, harmony and balance to specific areas of your life. You desire, and can achieve, clarity on important issues you have been considering. This is a good time to balance health, financial and legal issues.

She said, *Varsana Staszak and Regina King can help*

Q. "My parents divorced a year ago. I'm a college freshman and now that Thanksgiving break is approaching, I have to choose whom to spend my vacation with. I love them both, what should I do?"

Sincerely, Torn

REGINA Because you love both of your parents, and I am sure they both love you, why not spend time with both of them? Tell your parents that you want to be able to spend Thanksgiving with them both and that you are willing to divide your vacation between the two. Though this is a difficult time for you, it is also extremely hard on your mom and dad. Not only are they breaking a bond that they shared for so many years, they have to separate the partnership of raising a child together. I'm sure they also have concerns about which you want to stay with. They may each wonder if you blame them over the other parent. They may be insecure right now, and they need to know that you love them and aren't angry with either of them. If this is true, let them know. If not, express your feelings of anger, frustration, and confusion with them. The divorce of your parents does not mean that you have to divorce one to be with the other. The most important thing is to discuss the issues with your parents. You never know, maybe for you they would spend at least one holiday together.

VARSA Well, you could begin by asking yourself who you want to spend Thanksgiving with. It's important to consider your own feelings and desires and your own predicament. I have a hunch

that you may already have a preference as to which parent you want to spend time with this holiday, just because I believe in general that there's always an instinctive or immediate impulse or leaning towards one of two options.

Of course, if you are equally bent towards either parent, and you want to diplomatically choose your course of action, you could consider the following. Thanksgiving comes every year (and there are tons of other holidays throughout the year that can be shared with family) that you can alternate the years you spend with each parent. This year, you could spend it with {mom/dad} and next year with the other.

Now, if this idea is at all appealing to you, you may be pondering, "Now, which one do I choose first? I don't want to hurt the other's feelings and have them think I love them less or that they're less important to me." I think this is where communicating with each parent is key. Tell them how you feel—that making this decision is difficult for you, that you love them both, etc., and see how they react. What are their ideas? Do they have any suggestions or plans? And, perhaps, other larger issues will come up. Maybe you even want to discuss what the divorce means to you and also how you want to develop your relationship with each parent.

Since the divorce occurred recently, you have the chance to set some precedents, so to speak. You can create new traditions, new approaches to growing and maturing as you become an independent young person. Your parents have a lot of adjusting to go through as well, and hopefully they'll realize the need to never stop growing. If all of you make sure to be honest and communicate sincerely, you can have very fulfilling relationships.

And also realize that whether parents are divorced or together, family get-togethers can be stressful either way. There's just something about the holidays that brings out the best and worst in people. Just be prepared and trust yourself. You'll do fine.

Beyond the Mount: Alumnae Career Focus

By VERONICA AGUILERA
Assistant Editor

It is gratifying to know that you've completed your four years in college and are now ready to go out in seek of a job. What happens when in your last year, you begin to consider something else other than your intended major? This is exactly what happened to Ruby Lopez, a 1997 graduate who majored in Sociology.

Lopez was sure that she would become a social worker because she wanted to do something where she would be able to interact with other people, especially children. But in her last year in college she decided she wanted to teach; it was something she had considered, but not thought about thoroughly. "I was pretty sure I would become a social worker and considered teaching my last semester." She decided to obtain an emergency cre-

dential, which gave her the opportunity to apply for teaching positions after graduation. Lopez confesses that getting this job was not difficult because in California there is a high demand for teachers. "But teaching," she says "is not as easy as you think it is." She personally felt a little afraid after graduating because she did not know if she would get a job right away and she admits she was fairly lucky to be offered two positions in June.

She is currently teaching third grade at Don Julian School in La Puente. This is her second year as a teacher there and she feels it "is the most gratifying job you can do." She believes people go into teaching because they want to and not for the money. Lopez still feels she is putting her sociology skills to use. "You are a social worker in a lot of ways because you are an advocate to the child." She

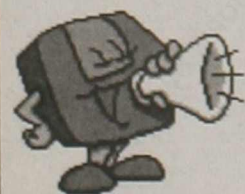
mentions that at first it was difficult, a struggle for her to adapt and she was not sure if she would be able to stay because it was a challenge. But then she explains how "you realize how powerful your influence can be on another human being."

Some of her future plans include getting her permanent teaching credential, which is why she is currently attending Cal State LA. She is also interested in post-graduate education. She is more interested in going into student services or one on one counseling than into administration.

"Life can be overwhelming," she says, but Lopez advises Mount students especially those who are about to graduate "to take one step at a time and not to be too hard on yourself."

(Note: Ruby Lopez is not the graduate's real name)

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Students Going About Their Day



Above, L to R: Leslie Berru, Gina Pistilli, Nancy Beigel.

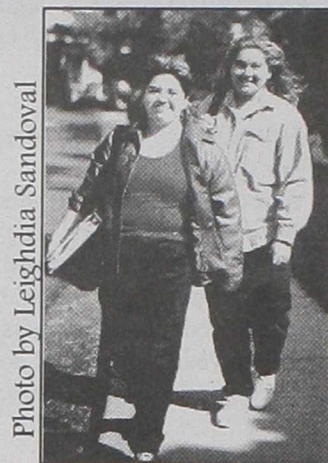
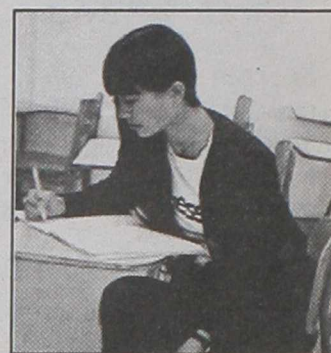


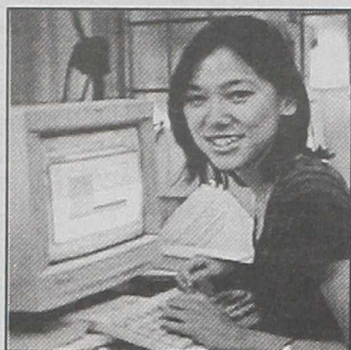
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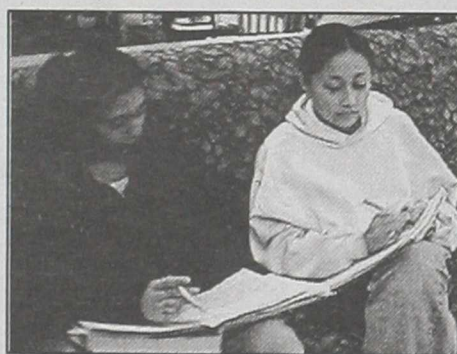
We found students in class, on their way to class, studying for class, typing papers for class, resting before class, waiting for class to begin, doing their homework for class, and just hanging out before and after class.



Left: Huong "Happy" Ho.



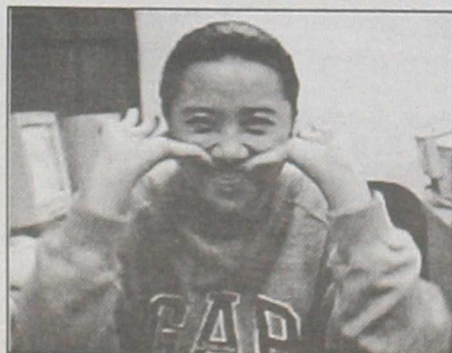
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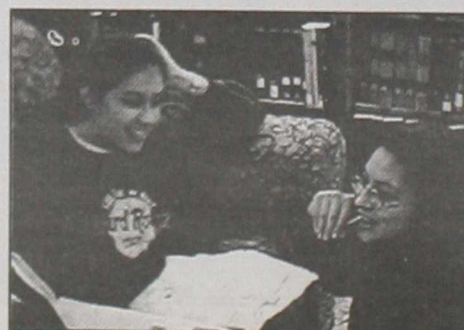
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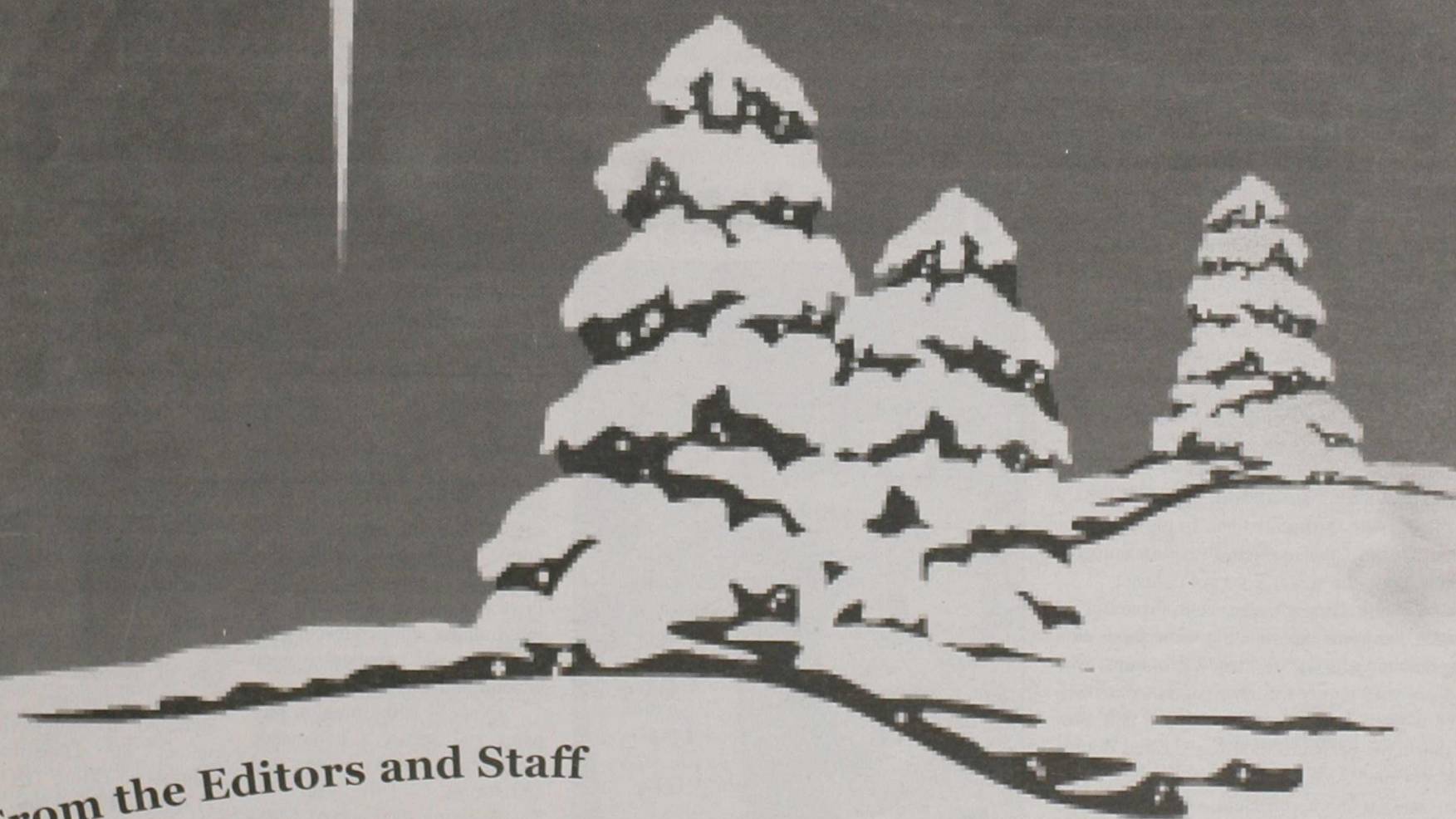
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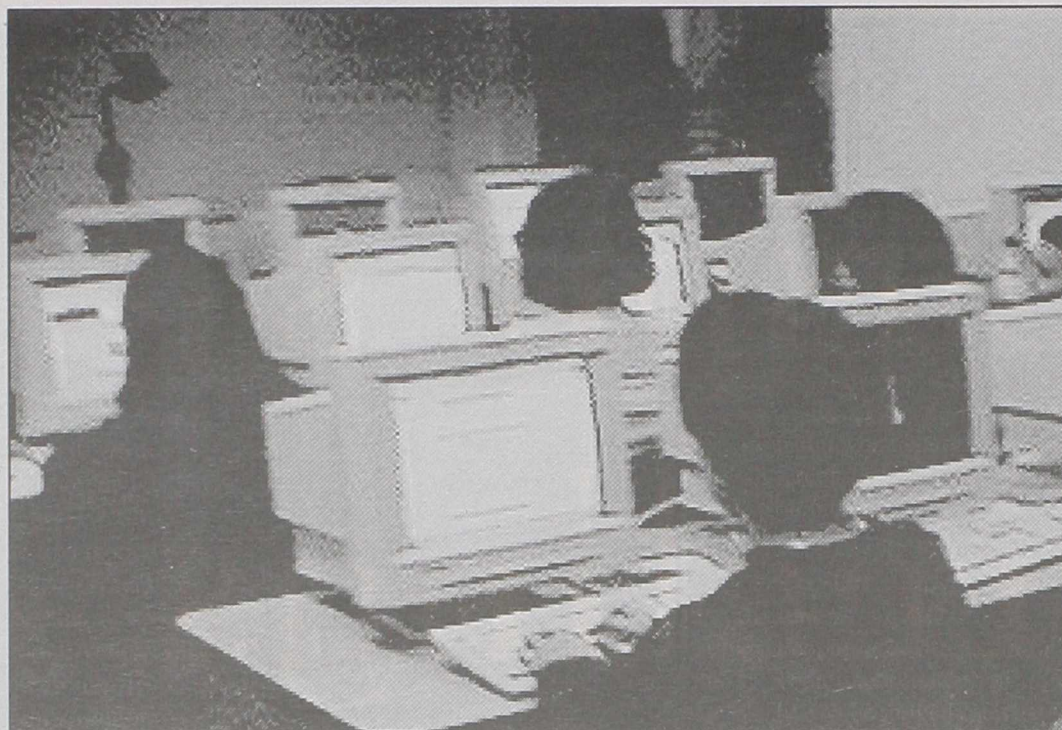
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The Pros and Cons of Campus Technology



Finals are here and the computer labs are full of students finishing off those semester research papers. Some feel the creation of new labs has aided lab crowding, others feel technology expansion still needs improvement. (Photo by Joycehyn Lee)

By VERONICA VILLANUEVA

Staff Writer

In the last few years, the Mount has made a consistent effort to update its technology. Updates have included more labs with new computers and the installation of more recent programs, like Windows 97. Most recently a 24-hour resident lab opened in Brady Hall. Some people are happy with the new and updated technology, while others feel frustrated.

Erika Preston, a second year student, said "I think the changes the Mount has done are great. Last year, as a freshman, it was difficult to find a computer to type papers and do research. Working at the library, I have noticed that students are much happier now because there are more computers to do research on."

"I've been very impressed with all of the technological changes at the Mount. My first year here, there was one computer lab with really out-dated computers...Now there's about three or four labs with reasonable hours. It's a lot easier to find a computer," said Josie Garcia, a fourth year student.

Selene Sandoval, a third year student, feels that that even though the college is trying to update technology, access to computers for students still needs to be improved. She thinks there should be more computers available because the computer labs are always full.

Although recent technology improvements have been great for some, they have also created frustration for some students and faculty. Catalina Hernandez, a fourth year student, said, "There are still problems with the computers. In my computer class, we always have problems logging onto the program because the server does not connect."

Dr. Michelle Dumont, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, has been experiencing some frustration learning how to use some of the new programs. She said, "I am very happy we have computers, which has been a great improvement. But the new programs that have been installed has created double the work for me. As a faculty member, the Eudora program was far more efficient. Groupwise is a more complicated system."

Dumont does not mind learning how to use the new programs, but notes that if she at least had a manual she would not "bother the technology people" so often.

Dr. Fred Simonelli, Assistant Professor of History, does not find his computer to be very useful for him. "The new computers and programs are great for students and professors in the sciences

because they contain new techniques on how to graph, for example, but not for students and faculty in the social sciences, philosophy or English."

He feels Macs are better for students since they have a better and faster word processor, and students usually need to focus more on writing papers. He also thinks that the college should give faculty and staff the opportunity to choose the type of computer they want.

Larry Smith, Assistant Vice President of Informational Support Services, said, "The technology staff is working very hard to help every one with their problems, besides working with other projects." He mentioned that some of these projects are issuing email accounts to every student, offering training sessions to faculty, and making sure computers are functioning properly in the labs.

He concluded, saying that the Mount has made major improvements in a small amount of time and will continue to make them.

'Tis The Season



Every year the US Marine Corps Reserve holds a "Toys for Tots" campaign that collects toys for homeless and poor children. Donations can be brought to the ASB office until December 16. ASB is sponsoring a Club Competition for those clubs wishing to participate. (Photo by Summer Cervantez)

Holiday Shopping in the Comfort of Home

(U-Wire) Iowa City—As many people try to avoid the long lines and crowded stores of the holiday season, shopping online is expected to be more popular than ever.

Nearly two-thirds of all American adults—about 131 million people—made a purchase by mail, phone or computer last year, according to the New York City-based Simmons Market Research Bureau.

This nationwide trend of technologically advanced shopping has many believing gift-giving has never been easier.

"There is a lot to be said for the ability to shop at 3 am in your underwear," said Judy Tenzer, a spokesperson for American Express. "Using a credit card to shop online has been proven to be very safe for consumers."

Ten percent of consumers plan to use the Internet for their holiday shopping in a random survey of 800 people, a six percent increase over last year.

Still, many shoppers are apprehensive about giving out their credit card number on the Internet.

Malina DeWild, a second

year student at the University of Iowa, said she doesn't believe the claims that online shopping is safe.

"I would never give out my credit card number over the Web," she said. "Call me paranoid, but I am just afraid that my number would get passed around and end up ripping me off."

Tenzer said using a browser with protections, such as the Secured Socket Layer, will safeguard the customer.

Also, using a credit card when placing an online order is protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act, according to a report by the Federal Trade Commission. Under this law, customers have the right to dispute charges and temporarily withhold payment in the event of non-delivery or other types of fraud.

In these instances, credit card users are generally liable for the first 50 dollars in charges only, the commission's report said.

Web pages such as www.shophnet.org offer a wide variety of shopping categories, including clothing, food, toys and sporting goods.

Remembering The Less Fortunate

By VERONICA AGUILERA

Assistant Editor

The question of how the poor spend the holidays is a question not many of us ask ourselves.

Unfortunately, nationwide, families constitute 40 percent of people who become homeless; 63 percent of those are women with children.

What are non-profitable organizations doing for the poor year round and during the holidays, and how can we help?

Union Rescue Mission is located on San Julian St. in downtown LA, and is known to be the country's largest mission. Union Rescue Mission offers shelter, long term recovery programs and transitional housing for single women and families. Programs include education, and job training and counseling to help poor and homeless women become self-sufficient.

Every year the mission prepares and serves a homemade meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year for Thanksgiving they served 5,000 homeless women, children and men.

A distribution of children's toys was also held, along with a celebrity donation of 3,000 athletic socks.

Another important event held every year by the Union Rescue Mission for Christmas is

the annual Christmas Store, which will be held this year from December 15-18. This event consists of four days of free shopping for poor and homeless families who cannot afford to buy Christmas presents. This event allows parents to retain the dignity of choosing new toys, clothing and gift items for their children within a store-like setting.

In 1996, 450 families benefited from the Christmas Store and in 1997, the number rose to 800. The mission expects there to be more families this year due to welfare cuts.

The Christmas Store is only able to operate with the help of people's generous donations—such as toys and gift items (unwrapped) for infants, toddlers, elementary age and teenage children.

The mission welcomes any type of assistance—from donations to volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering, can contact the Department of Volunteers Effort (DOVE) at (213) 347-1148. Those who are interested in donating a toy or gift for the Christmas Store can contact Maria Berkey at (213) 347-6300, ext. 2110.

Let's not forget that poverty exists all year long, and whatever gifts we can offer or bring into the lives of those who are less fortunate makes a great difference for them and for ourselves.

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In the Stars: Your Horoscope

By SUZI "THE PSYCHIC" SCHROEDER

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You are imaginative and clever. Use your abilities to stretch your holiday budget. Your best performances happen when you are down to the wire, but be careful not to burn out. Take time to de-stress and have fun during the holidays—they are only here for a short time.



self, that this is a time for more than the accumulation of material things.

Gemini

May 21-June 20

Take care of yourself this holiday season, the last thing you need is another cold. You don't like to sit and watch the scenery go by, however it's OK to take a break once in awhile. Don't fritter your energy on many different tasks, focus your energy on one instead.

Cancer

June 21-July 22

People are often confused by your unpredictability. You also like to be judged by what you do, not what you say. Because you are not easily deceived be a shopping buddy for a gullible friend. Instead of wallowing in self-pity when things go wrong, help someone in need, then two people will feel better.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

The holiday party scene is your favorite, because you can shine! No event with you in attendance is ever dull because you supply your own excitement. Leo's are the most extravagant spender's of the Zodiac, so try not to go overboard with spending this holiday season. It can be difficult, but it is not impossible.

Virgo

Aug. 23- Sept. 22

You are an organized, hard working person, with the motto "why put off something you can do now." With finals quickly approaching, that is even more true. Don't forget that sleep is an important part of life; try not to skimp on it. Try not to forget your friends in a study frenzy, they can make great diversions.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

You strive for balance and harmony, and are happiest when your world is in order. You will often go a long way to maintain balance, including stifling your true feelings. However, you may often be unsure of what those feelings are. Don't be afraid to rock the boat once in while, perhaps some unevenness can help you figure your feelings out and appreciate the good times even more.

Scorpio

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You are an idealist, a trait which naturally extends into the holiday season. You can be a bit of a perfectionist as well. Don't stress yourself out trying to create the ideal holiday, try to focus on a memorable one instead. Use your kind nature to commit some

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

An aura of sadness and melancholy often surrounds you. Also, you have a great sense of purpose and discipline which, in your book, allows little time for fun. Everyone knows how self-sufficient you are, but they will be more than happy to lend a hand so that you can have some time to yourself.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You tend to go overboard this time of year. Your humanitarian nature likes to go into overdrive, but not everyone wants help and that wish should be respected. Don't let routine bore you, find a new way to make it more interesting.

Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You possess superb intuitive capabilities and a seemingly bottomless understanding of human nature. This is why it seems as if everyone tells you their problems. This time of year it seems as if everyone has a problem to tell. Don't let it overwhelm you. A true friend is one that will listen to your problems for a change.

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Your threshold for boredom is extremely low, if you don't receive instant satisfaction you may look elsewhere, especially during this festive time of the year. However studying is important, make some extra time for it, you won't regret it. Do something extra nice to someone you accidentally offended, they know you didn't mean it, but they need some reassurance.

Taurus

Apr. 20-May 20

You like nice things, which often leaves you short of cash, especially this time of year. Yet you are an extremely wealthy person in a non-material way. Share your gifts this holiday season to remind others, as well as your-

Etc.

Norman Bates is Back! But, Does Does This Version Beat the Original?

By VERONICA AGUILERA
Assistant Editor

The new version of *Psycho*, which premiered on December 4, stars Vince Vaughn as Norman Bates, Anne Heche as the famous "shower victim," and Julianne Moore as the sister of the murdered woman.

Sadly, the new version transformed the famous shower scene into a more violent and bloody one, which I realized at the end was the only exciting scene.

I was truly disappointed when I came out of the theater because instead of being terrified of taking a shower, I felt as if I had just watched a comedy. The movie turned out to be more funny than scary, and my theatre neighbors behind me, whispering side-comments, made me want to laugh even more.

If I had to describe one of the better thrill sequences, I would probably choose the beginning of the movie because it does fill the audience with intrigue and curiosity, wanting to know what will

Well, finals are here and vacation is definitely on the horizon. So, perhaps you think this staff editorial is holiday related—us wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and so on. You might even think that we are going to discuss Clinton. Well, sorry to disappoint you.

We would now like to invite you into our shallow world...(Imagine some sort of David Letterman thing going on)...And the number one complaint by the Oracle Staff this semester is...why do we have change machines, copy machines and vending machines that are, far more often than not, useless?

We kid you not. Last year two change machines were purchased(installed?); one was put in the commuter lounge and one in the mailroom. These machines worked (maybe) for three weeks last semester and NONE, count them, NONE this semester. The machines sit there—empty, unusable—just taking up space. What's wrong with them we ask?

Please tell us it is someone's job somewhere to make sure things like this are working. It's pretty tough to get change if the bookstore is closed and you've exceeded your "change" limit at the Residence Desk.

Also, the copy machines on this campus do not have the world's best track record. The

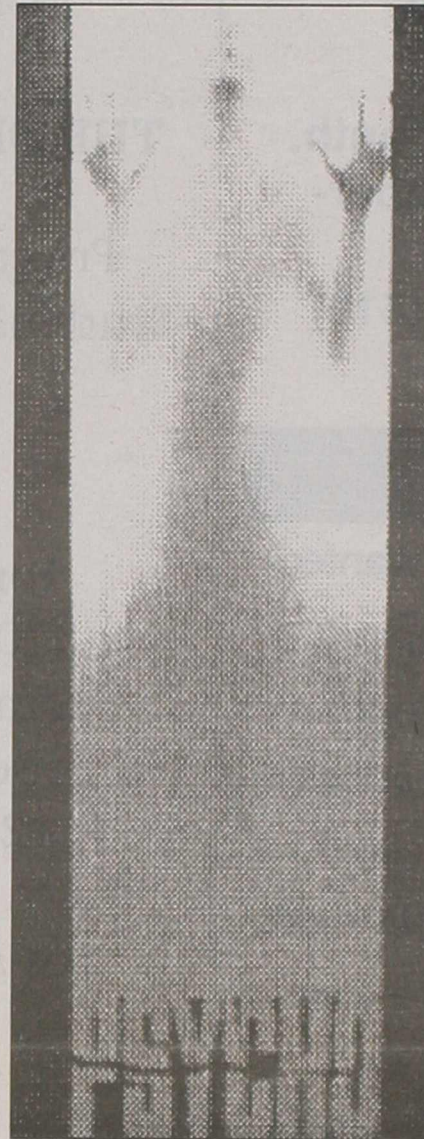
happen next. But after the shower scene, the movie should have been over.

I understand that this version had to be adjusted

so it could scare the audience even more than the first one, but the adjustments were terrible. The original version of *Psycho* allowed the audience to use their imagination, by giving them bits of information about Norman Bates throughout the movie, and not everything all at the end (as it is done in the new version.)

Besides the bad content, Norman Bates' costume was hilarious. The wig and dress he used made him seem more like an 80's version of Tom Hanks dressed as a woman, rather than as a psychotic killer. Vince Vaughn was just too cute for the role.

I do not at all recommend this version, but instead I suggest you use the five dollars you were going to spend on this movie and get some rentals. While you're there, feel free to include the original 1960's version of *Psycho* in your choices.



copy machine in the commuter lounge is new, yet it too frequently has an OUT OF ORDER sign on it. And, we can just hear the yells of students if we were even to start discussing copy machines in the library. Could this be the reason why many people are illegally using department codes for personal use? Yeah, yeah, we know you are shocked at such an implication. Not that those

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"free" copies aren't as much of a hassle.

Certainly this complaint could be extended to the department community copiers as well. In fact, we dare a faculty member or student worker to say otherwise. And, wouldn't it also be nice if once and a while all the function keys on the copy machine actually worked? We swear some of those machines are capable of stapling, collating and even doing two-sided copies.

Last but not least are the vending machines. First complaint...what happened to the vending machine on the 1st floor Carondelet? Of all places, its location was excellent, saving tired and hungry resident stu-

dents from having to weather the cold and make a late night trek to the mailroom or Campus Center.

Second, wouldn't it make sense that the vending machine, which has numerous chocolate items, outside the Campus Center shouldn't be placed in direct sunlight for most of the day? It's December and still items purchased are MELTED. What's the point? In fact what's the point of having vending machines, a Deli and the Bookstore all in the same vicinity, each with a separate price for snack items?

Speaking of machines that don't work, how about some that would? Imagine the convenience of having an ATM on campus! However, what would happen if the machine didn't give us the money we were trying to withdraw? Who would we go to? If nobody responds to the complaints about items that get stuck in vending machines when trying to purchase them, would anyone respond if we had ATM's and we didn't get our money?

Sure all this may seem minor to some, and we may sound merciless in our questioning, but it's not as if we are demanding air conditioned classrooms. We are simply asking who is responsible for the proper functioning of machines on campus. Oh, by the way, Happy New Year!

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OIT Says Mount Is Ready for Y2K

BY SUMMER CERVANTEZ
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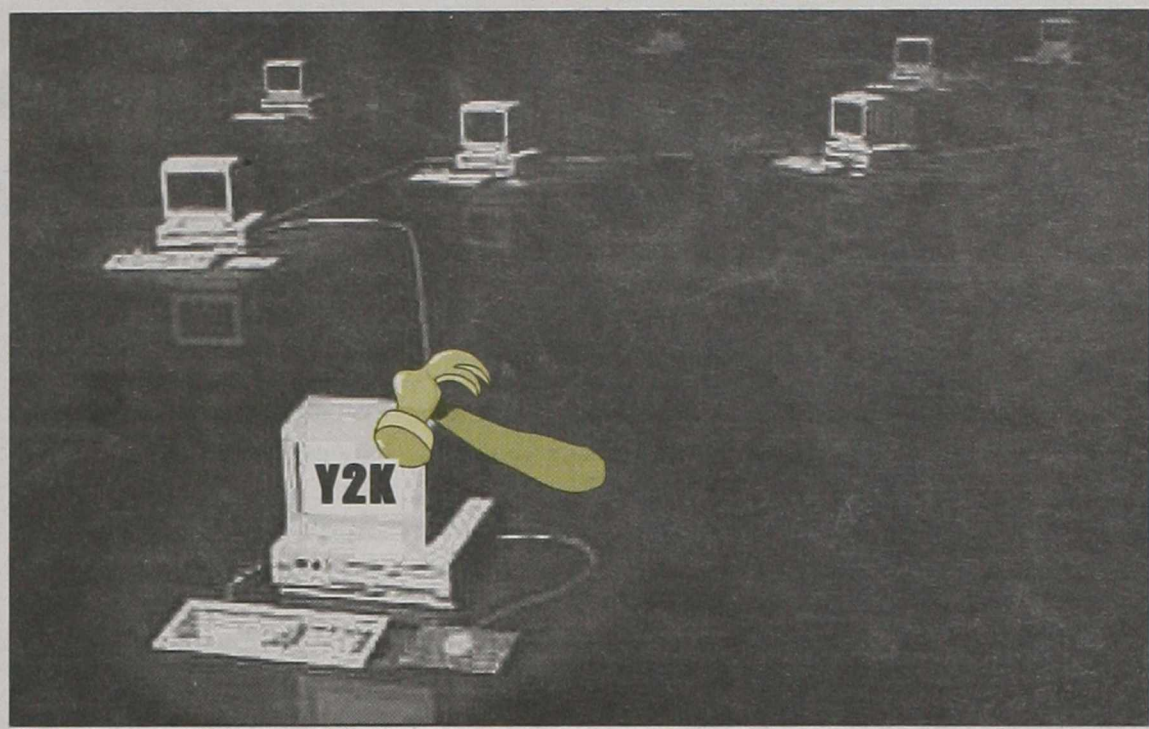
On midnight of January 1, 2000, just as billions of people will be ringing in the new millennium, the hype or reality of the Y2K (year 2000) computer bug will become clear.

The whole Y2K mess started when certain older computers and software programs were programmed to identify the year by its last two digits. When it turns 2000, the computer will think its 1900, causing date-driven computations failer, and computer reliant systems to malfunction or shut down.

Computer scientists and analysts working on the Y2K fall into two camps. The first camp believes Y2K may cause some minor problems, like flight delays, but nothing that can't be fixed in a few months.

Others have far more extreme beliefs. Some predict the disruptions that result could result in bank closings to power failures, to global recession and civil unrest.

In a 1998 report made to the U.S. Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology



(Photo courtesy of IMSI MasterClips Collection)

Problem by the Gartner Group, they predicted, "It is now clear that a large number of federal computer systems simply will not be prepared for January 1, 2000. At the same time, the utilities industry, the financial services industry, the telecommunications industry, vital modes of transportation, and other dispensable industrial sectors are all at risk."

So, what about the Mount? Are we prepared? Robert Doidge, Executive Director of the Office of Information Technologies, feels confident the Mount will be ready.

"We identified Y2K at the Mount in 1997," Doidge explained. "And from there we began working on a plan to identify Y2K systems and replace and

update machines."

Doidge explained their goal is to "take care of the problem earlier rather than later...ideally our proactive goal is to have all critical systems ready for Y2K six months early."

So far, things look good. As of now, all student computer labs, most faculty and staff computers and the telecommunications sys-

Grad Speaker Criticized for Possible Role In Shooting Suspects Light Sentence

BY SUMMER CERVANTEZ
Co-Editor

Brian Patrick Ballou, a suspect in a 1996 shooting, used his father's political connections to gain leniency, the *LA Times* reported earlier this month.

The police charged Ballou with assault with a firearm, involved fired when a stranded motorist was shot at close range in the back.

Ballou, who is the son of retired lawyer Robert B. Ballou, is "known to police as 'B-Bone' of the Bity Street Gang and to the probation department as a 'community terrorist,' 'a ticking tomb bomb' bound to kill or seriously injure someone," according to the *Times* report.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti's office is being criticized for the apparent favoritism Ballou received from his office. In March of 1998, after a failed plea deal, the case was turned over to Garcetti's Special Assistant Richard Llewellyn.

Garcetti's office is suspect because since his office "prosecutes 70,000 felonies and 250,000 misdemeanors a year, it is rare for a gun possession case to rise above the level of



Scheduled graduation speaker for the Class of '99, Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, made a phone call to DA Gil Garcetti after a request by the father of shooting suspect Brian Patrick Ballou.

trial deputy," according to the *Times*.

In April or June of 1998 Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, an L.A. Country Supervisor, who is a friend of Ballou's father, called Garcetti's office on behalf of Ballou. In an interview with the *Times*, Burke conceded she "did not know Ballou's criminal history" when she called Garcetti about the case, and that she, "did not feel it would improperly influence [the outcome]."

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Graduation is just around the corner and those 1999 graduates might be asking themselves how to obtain their cap and gown, how they can buy a graduation ring or how to get admission tickets for their family and friends...Well, all these and other questions can be answered at the **GRADUATION FAIR**, which will be held on *Wednesday, February 24 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm* in the Campus Center.

Student Union

National News from Colleges and Universities

(U-Wire) Los Angeles, California—**PROP. 209 MAY WIDEN FACULTY GENDER GAP AT UCLA**—Currently women make up 23 percent of all UCLA professors, according to statistics released by the Academic Personnel Office. Ruth Bloch, Chair of UCLA's Women's Studies Department, worries "the gain of women and minorities may begin diminishing." That is because Prop. 209's repeal of affirmative action no longer allows the university to take into account gender and race when hiring new faculty.

Raymund Paredes, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Development, claims that despite Prop. 209's ban, UCLA still recruits women and minorities.

Paredes claims affirmative action was not the only factor that increased the presence of women and minority professors. Historically, white male professors have dominated all fields of academia and according to Paredes, as the years pass and professors retire, the university's faculty will become more diverse.

(U-Wire) Los Angeles, California—**NATIONAL SEX STUDY FINDS SEX PROBLEMS RAMPANT IN U.S.—Sex!** If that didn't get your attention, don't be surprised. After all, a recent report found that many Americans lack enthusiasm about sex. A University of Chicago study released Tuesday found that more than 40 percent of women and 30 percent of men regularly have no interest in sex, can't have an orgasm, or suffer from some other sexual dysfunction.

In what some call the most comprehensive sex survey since the 1948 Kinsey Report, the results are raising eyebrows.

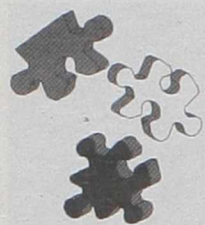
The study's researchers said problems with sex can be attributed to anything from emotional and health problems to lack of time, job pressures and money trouble. But they said they aren't sure what comes first—stress or problems with sex.

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, CALIFORNIA—**FORMER LAW PROFESSOR ALLEGES RACISM AT STANFORD AFTER RESIGNATION**—Former Stanford Law School Professor Linda Mabry spoke out last Thursday about the "law school's racially hostile environment."

Mabry claims she left Stanford because it is "an institution that engages in a pattern of practicing intense bias, which devalues....and marginalizes people of color."

Law School Dean Dean Paul Brest, in defense, cites that Stanford is the most racially diverse law school in the nation. Minorities make up 12.5 percent of the faculty.

Mabry has filed a complaint with the Labor Department concerning Stanford's tenure practices.



Pieces of the Puzzle: UP CLOSE WITH *The Muses*

BY AMANDA PRINCE
Layout Editor

Long ago, the Mount had a drama club called The Muses, but the



Godspell director Suzi Schroeder conducts rehearsals. (Photo by Amanda Prince)

Muses died out because of a lack of interest. Now, thanks largely in part to two second year students, President Suzi Schroeder and Vice-President Christine Ruzek, The Muses are back. Schroeder and Ruzek took a few minutes from a recent audition for their spring play, *Godspell*, to talk to *The Oracle*.

Why did you bring The Muses back? The Muses was around last semester, but it was inactive, so we took it over.

Godspell; what's it about? *Godspell* is a musical based on the gospel according to

Saint Matthew. We're modernizing and updating the musical, so it isn't going to be quite like the movie.

When will the performances be? There will be three shows from from April 9 to 11; the shows on the are evening performances—the show on the 11th is right after church, so you can be twice as holy! The 10th is a matinee showing.

Is there anything you'd like the students to know? Just because you can't sing or dance doesn't mean you can't join; there's a job for everyone.

Ready for Y2K

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replaced over the last six months, and between 150 to 200 computes will be upgraded by June of 1999. E-mail servers were identified in Dec. 1998, and all servers were compliant as of Jan. 31, 1999.

Doidge is also heading operations to have a "Y2K site" on the Mount's webpage by early March. The site will "be a place where students can go and find

out where they can go to fix their computers, who they can call...."

As far as his own stance on what the "hype" of Y2K, Doidge doesn't see any major catastrophes in store when the clock turns over, "I look at this way...If I were a grocery store and my livelihood depended on selling groceries, I would find some way to sell groceries."

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Garcetti claims that he does not remember the call from Burke, even though she is one of just five county supervisors who annually approves his office's budget.

Burke, a former California assemblywoman and a U.S. representative, has received \$9,200 in campaign contributions from Ballou's lawyer's between 1992 and 1998.

In September Garcetti's office rejected assault and attempted murder charges and filed a gun possession charge.

Ballou served four days in jail and was then released on probation, despite past probation violations. The charge police booked Ballou on could have carried a prison term of up to 17 years.

Garcetti's office has denied that political considerations played any role in how the case was handled. They claim the assault charge was filed because of weak evidence. Ballou was found in possession of the getaway car and a loaded semi-automatic pistol.

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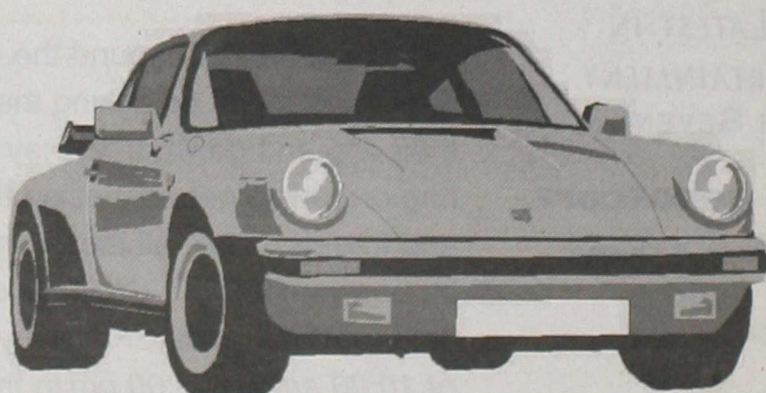
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Opinion



Branson and Americh try to foresee their future after graduating from the Mount.
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"My hope is to get a job; and my fear is not to get one."

Trovoyum Branson

"I hope to get all my papers done; I fear I won't."

John Arnerich

"I hope to finally graduate, and I fear being a novice learning nurse."

Gena Phillips

Seniors: Their Hopes and Fears

"I hope to reach all my goals, be happy, and to have the energy to remain sane. I fear drowning in the real world."

Lorna Damo

"I hope to get into medical school and fear all the stuff leading to it."

Nadya Assaf

"I hope to be the best nurse I can be. My fears are passing the NCLEX-RN and maybe moving back East."

Larissa Marquez

"I fear the unknown future and hope to have enough energy to keep going."

Shela Andres

"I am afraid of the real world and real responsibilities; we won't be sheltered by school anymore. I am afraid of getting old and not accomplishing all the things I want to."

Raquel Carbone



Carbone and Andres fear the unknown and the real world.
(Photo by Yarsana Staszak)

Bon Appetit?

BY AMANDA PRINCE

Last week, as I tried to explain the complexities of Ibsen's *A Doll's House* in two pages, my hunger grew from an occasional rumble into an undeniable pain, so I decided to take a lunch break. I headed downstairs, envisioning a tasty plate of chicken fajitas, or at least something palatable. My hope was extinguished at the sight of denser-than-lead meatloaf.

I realize that the Mount, as a small, private school, isn't as well endowed as UCLA; I don't expect grilled Ahi with citrus salsa or made-to-order sushi that are available at school. I also realize that everyone's preferences can't possibly be satisfied. None of this, however, justifies the consistently sub-par food at the Mount.

It's not that the base ingredients are terrible; the preparation is the problem. Not everyone enjoys endless amounts of nutrient bare, fattening, fried, grease-laden foods. Fried chicken, fried cod-filets, meatball sandwiches, patty melts, french fries, grilled cheese sandwiches and so on are all common dining hall fare. There's also little variety or creativity in the menu.

These conditions leave vegetarians with a handful of choices. Food services has moved in the right direction by offering a few more meat-free entrees that are high in protein, such as meatless hot dogs, vegetarian burgers and the recent breaded and stir-fried tofu (as opposed to and in addition to the previously offered carbohydrate-based dishes.) The salad bar, appreciated by omnivores as well as vegetarians, is always fresh and provides plenty of goodies from which to choose. However, they still fail to supply a nutritionally sound

vegetarian diet. As one vegetarian student recently said, "I probably couldn't survive without my protein bars."

Compounding this is also the Mount's relative isolation. Many

residents don't drive and few restaurants deliver to the Mount (and those that do generally have a delivery minimum upwards of six dollars, which, on a daily basis, is impractical for many college students; it

shouldn't be necessary anyway.) The deli is a valid alternative. Most students are more than satisfied with the quality of the food. However, although the deli's hours are more accessible [flexible?] than those of the dining hall, they are still very limited, a condition that can make late-night studying uncomfortable.

I would prefer not to offer criticism without offering possible solutions; perhaps a nutritionist could be consulted for meal planning. Food Services could look for some savory recipes. A food survey could be taken in the student body to get a better idea of the students feel about their choices. The Mount's website boasts that "we offer a variety of menu selections for our customers to choose from. Monthly theme meals, daily specials, low-fat entrees and delicious vegetarian entrees, as well as our commitment to serving our community makes dining in our facilities the right choice for you." This is a misrepresentation of the dining facilities of Mount St. Mary's College. The kitchen seems as though it's incapable of providing even consistently wholesome and palatable foods, much less all that the school website promises. As paying students, it's the school's obligation to us to realize those claims, rather than leaving them in the realm of electronic fiction.

of American citizens have watched as "woman was pitted against man." Millions watched as women were dismissed as stalkers, and the man prevailed. Don't think the next woman who files a sexual harassment case won't be thinking about the same thing.

The Last Word on Clinton's Impeachment

BY SUMMER CERVANTEZ

As I am sure you are aware, late last week the Senate acquitted President William Jefferson Clinton of the impeachment charges brought against him by the House of Representatives. I was not happy. I think it is a sad day when the leader of the free world, in a nation that prides itself on its system of checks and balances, lets a man who should be a moral and political role model go free on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice—charges any other American would have been convicted of. Certainly I don't think that he is the only immoral and corrupt member of the United States government, but what this situation has overwhelmingly proved to us is that we should expect higher standards from our elected officials, and from our president, we *should* demand the highest standards of all.

All that being said, I am also desperately disturbed by the feminist majority's consistent support of Clinton. Yes, he has appointed women, and especially women of color, to high-ranking positions and offices. And yes, he has advanced policies for women concerning maternity leave and daycare. However, we must look at the bigger picture of what Clinton action's have done to set back the women's movement.

Forget that he has publicly disrespected the two women who should be the two most important women in his life—his wife and daughter. Forget his mother's imaginable shame. Think for just a moment about the trail of women who Clinton has left behind him...Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey, Paula Jones, Monica Lewinsky...All have been portrayed as unstable, and all have been ridiculed in the media.

Feminists were up in arms when Clarence Thomas was accused of sexual harassment by Anita Hill. But as each of the above women stepped forward to tell their tale of harassment or of a sexual involvement, they're credibility was dismissed as

jealousy and revenge. And the feminist majority didn't blink. They couldn't go against a liberal democrat.

Flowers, Jones, and Lewinsky are all victims of a patriarchal establishment, one in which, once a woman has been called a slut, or whose sexual character has been called into question, her reputation becomes permanently inseparable from the sexual scandal. As it was hundreds of years ago, once a woman's sexuality becomes an issue, it can discredit her like nothing else. Think back to high school y'all...big, sexy jock who sleeps around—stud, a young woman who is secure in her sexuality and may have slept around—slut. Nothing has changed.

And what about Linda Tripp? The media has continually made fun of her, largely they've made fun of her appearance. So, if she had looked like Barbie and taped those conversations, would it have been any different? Probably. We probably would have lauded her as a hero, a true patriot.

And what about the comparison between Tripp and Hillary Clinton? Tripp taped conversations and betrayed a friend, yet she spoke out against what she thought was wrong...and she is seen as a troublemaker. Hillary Clinton, who has stood by her husband in his time of need is seen as having grace and an incredible sense of commitment. Personally, I would've enjoyed seeing Hillary throw all Clinton's clothes on the White House lawn. Enough with the graceful and silent women already.

So, if you think Clinton has done anything progressive for the feminist movement, think again. And think hard. Millions

The High Price of Image and Beauty

BY VERONICA AGUILERA

We all reach a point in our lives where we begin to notice our figure and realize we might be gaining some extra pounds. We become obsessive with diets, which instead of helping us lose weight, help us gain health problems.

Approximately 95%-98% of people who lose weight by dieting regain the lost weight. About 50% of those people gain to a higher weight. When a person diets, his or her metabolism decreases because they are not

the body's energy needs are not being met (not enough calories). People become intensely hungry and tend to overeat.

But what are some diet methods people tend to use? Antacids are one choice people tend to aim for first. Two purposes of antacids are to relieve heartburn and indigestion, but dieters use them for a long term, which can cause diarrhea.

Another method used is chromium picolinate. Chromium is naturally found in the body and is found in some foods such as brewers yeast, whole wheat, rye,

and broccoli. One of chromium's major uses is to facilitate proper carbohydrate metabolism and to help insulin as it makes sugar available to the cells. Some people claim chromium can help people lose weight by boosting their metabolic rate. But unfortunately, this has not been scientifically proven.

The obsessive behavior of each person's eating habits, leads them into an eating disorder. One of the most common eating disorders nowadays is anorexia nervosa. Anorexia nervosa can include symptoms such as

extreme sensitivity to cold, growth of body hair, nail, and skin problems. Another common eating disorder is bulimia nervosa. People with bulimia nervosa tend to eat in excessive amount in a short period of time and then frequently go to the bathroom to vomit. They may also misuse laxatives, diuretics, and diet pills.

There are many other reasons why people develop eating disorders and two of those are stress or poor self-image. Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any other psychiatric

disorder. After 5 years, 8% of patients die; after 15 years, 13% of patients die; after 30 years, 20% of patients die.

Eating disorders are not easily treated and have an enormous impact on people's lives. It is hard to help someone with an eating disorder, but it is possible. It is no doubt that we would all like to look like models Cindy Crawford or Tyra Banks, but is it worth putting our life at risk? The best way to look and feel good about our body is to eat healthy, three times a day.



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. I Dream of Such

The Historical Days of February

2/1/60 Black college students stage a sit-in at a segregated lunch counter in Greensboro, NC, beginning the first of the historic sit-ins of the 1960s. **2/2/40** President Truman sent Congress a special message urging adoption of a civil rights program. **2/3/56** Autherine J. Lucy became the first black student at University of Alabama. She was suspended four days later following a riot and expelled on February 29. **2/4/14** Rosa Parks was born. Parks was awarded the Medal of Freedom in 1996. **2/5/94** White supremacist Byron de le Beckwith was convicted of the murder of Medgar Evers—more than 30 years after Evers was assassinated. **2/6/1820** The first organized emigration of U.S. blacks to Africa began when the Mayflower Liberia sailed from NYC for Sierra Leone with 86 blacks aboard. **2/7/1712** A slave revolt in NYC resulted in the deaths of 9 whites. Twenty-one slaves were executed for their parts in the uprising. In 1791, 500,000 slaves rebelled against their French captors in Haiti and took over the country. **2/8/68** three black students—Samuel Hammond, Delano Middleton and Henry Smit—were killed when state troopers fired on demonstrators at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC. **2/9/95** Dr. Bernard A. Harris Jr., M.D., became the first black astronaut to walk in space, during space shuttle mission STS-63. **2/10/57** Martin Luther King Jr. and other southern black clergy founded the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference to help coordinate civil rights activities in the South. **2/11/90** Nelson Mandela, former political activist/prisoner and South Africa's current president, was released after 27 years in a South African prison. **2/12/09** A call for an organizational meeting was issued for what was to become the NAACP. W.E.B. DuBois was among the NAACP's 60 founders. **2/13/20** After his plan to bring Negro baseball teams to the majors was rejected by commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis, Chicago Negro baseball tycoon Andrew "Rube" Foster organized the Negro National League. **2/14/1867** Morehouse College, the nation's only historically black, all-male, four-year liberal-arts college, was founded as Augusta Institute in Augusta, Georgia. Alumni include Martin Luther King Jr. and Spike Lee. **2/15/61** American and African nationalists disrupted a session of the United Nations to protest the assassination of Pan-African leader Patrice Lumumba, who was killed and kidnapped by opposing political forces and operatives of the CIA in January 1961. **2/16/70** Joe Frazier knocked out Jimmy Ellis in the fifth round to retain his title as World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. (cont'd on page 5)

Black History Trivia

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1. WHAT WAS MALCOM X'S GIVEN NAME?
2. WHO WAS THE FIRST BLACK SUPERMODEL?
3. WHO WAS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO WIN AN ACADEMY AWARD?
4. IN WHAT OLYMPICS DID BLACK ATHLETES MAKE A STATEMENT?
5. WHO WAS THE FIRST BLACK CONGRESSWOMAN?
6. NAME THE FIRST BLACK-OWNED MUSICAL EMPIRE?
7. WHAT HIP-HOP GROUP PAYS HOMAGE TO ROSA PARKS IN THEIR RECENT HIT?
8. TRUE OR FALSE: SLAVERY IN THE USA BEGAN IN THE SOUTH?
9. WHO WAS THE FIRST BLACK MISS AMERICA?
10. NAME THE BLACK WINTER FESTIVAL.

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1773 - All 13 colonies recognize chattel slavery

1896 - Plessy vs. Ferguson rules "separate but equal."

1904 - Bethune Cookman College opens.

1943 - Tuskegee Airmen arrive in North Africa.

1955 - Ella Fitzgerald performs in her first film.

1963 - March on Washington

1997 - Tiger Woods wins The Masters.

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1800 - Underground railroad at its height
1865 - 13th Amendment to U.S. Constitution bans slavery.

1908 - Negro baseball league organized.

1923 - Spingarn Medal awarded to George Washington Carver.

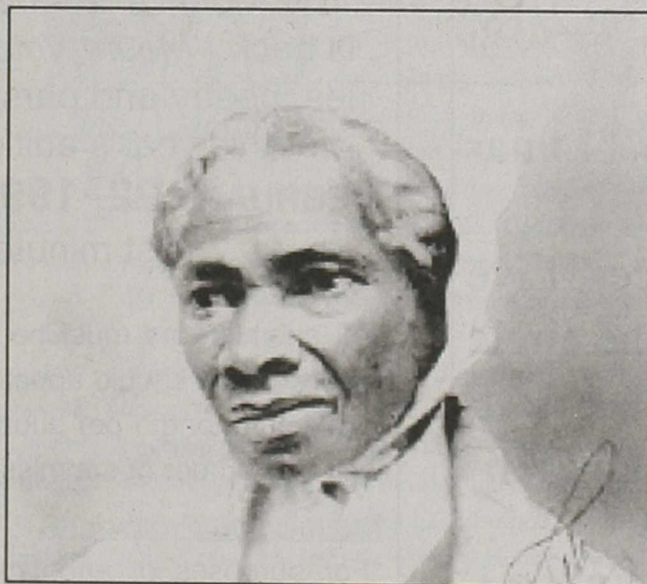
1930 - Langston Hughes' *Not Without Laughter* published.

1968 - Shirley Chisholm elected to Congress.

1984 - Jesse Jackson runs for President

1995 - Million Man March

(*tDays cont'd*) **2/17/1870** Congress passed a resolution readmitting Mississippi to the Union on the condition that it would never change its constitution to disenfranchise blacks. Mississippi was the first to secede in the Civil War. **2/18/1888** The first formal protest against slavery by a white organization in English America took place at a meeting of the Germantown Quakers. **2/19/1919** W.E.B. DuBois's Pan-African congress convened at the Grand Hotel in Paris. DuBois's proposal for the liberation of colonies was considered. **2/20/1869** Tennessee governor W.G. Brownlow declared martial law in nine counties because of widespread Klu Klux Klan activities. **2/21/65** Malcolm X was assassinated by two members of the separatist Nation of Islam. **2/22/67** Adam Clayton Powell Jr., activist and chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, was denied his Congressional seat pending a financial investigation by the Judiciary Committee. It was eventually ruled by the Supreme Court that the House acted unconstitutionally, and Powell finally re-accepted his seat. **2/23/65** Constance Baker Motley was elected borough president of Manhattan, the highest elected office held by a black woman in a major city. She is now a New York federal judge and the first black woman to become so. **2/24/1811** Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne of the AME church and founder of Wilberforce University in Ohio, was born to free parents in South Carolina. Payne became the first black university president in 1863. **2/25/70** Hiram Rhodes Revels of Mississippi was sworn in as the first black U.S. Senator and the 1st black representative in Congress. **2/26/65** Jimmie Lee Jackson was killed by state troopers at a voting-rights demonstration in Marion, Alabama. As a result, the Selma to Montgomery march was organized. Five months later, Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act. **2/27/1869** John Willis Menard spoke to Congress in Defense of his claim to a contested seat representing Louisiana's Second Congressional District, thus becoming the first black to speak to Congress. Congress decided against his claim, as well as the claim of the other contestant. Congressman Garfield said, "It was too early to admit a Negro to the U.S. Congress." **2/28/1778** The Rhode Island General Assembly authorized the enlistment of slaves during the American Revolution. **2/29/40** Hattie McDaniel becomes the first black person to win an Oscar for her performance in *Gone With the Wind*. The Second was Whoopi Goldberg in 1991 for *Ghost*.



Sojourner Truth, the great orator, was born into slavery circa 1797. She was freed in 1828 when New York abolished slavery. Truth, originally named Isabella, heard a voice she thought to be God's. She followed this voice and preached in support of women's rights and abolition. She was received by President Lincoln in the White House in 1864.



Zora Neale Hurston, the writer and folklorist, was born in Florida in 1901. She attended Howard University, Barnard College and Columbia University. Her writings include *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and *Jonah's Gourd Vine*. Although not intentionally political, her writings generated controversy in the black community. Hurston died impoverished and largely unrecognized in 1960. Her works were rediscovered in the 1970s.

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2/26—ASB/Latinas Undas? AACW/FASA
dance "Eternity" at the Campus Center @
8pm.

3/5—AACW Hip-Hop Party featuring
celebrity performers @ the Campus Center
at 9pm

3/6—ASB/Hawaiian Club Family Day
"Luau" at the circle @ 8am-12pm

3/11—ASB 1st annual Spring Formal
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Livin' It up In LA

Top reasons living in LA has its advantages

There is something for everyone in LA, especially in the world of entertainment.

If you love art or history, you can visit one of the numerous museums ranging from the Getty to the World History Museum. If you are into movies, there are countless theaters, some of which even offer free screenings (as seen at the Santa Monica Promenade).

If you are into music and film, there are various awards shows in LA. Plus, just about every group has a concert here (if not, there is something seriously wrong with their publicity team because LA is known as a trend-setting city).

Not only are there many events held here in LA, but there are also many opportunities that few people are aware of. For instance, Oracle staffers were present at the recent American Music Awards. It was the last AMA of the century, but it was still extremely easy to get tickets. The secret to success in LA's entertainment world lies in Ticketmaster, the Internet and some careful observation. If you want it enough, you can make it to nearly any event.

Most people cannot even imagine being able to see their favorite TV Most people cannot even imagine

being able to see their favorite TV shows live...and to think that we go

End of conversation. On the other hand, tourists would be too excited to pass on the story.

In addition to all the high-profile events that are open to us, there are the small joys of everyday living. In some communities, they are limited to a handful of small restaurants, a movie theater, and a bowling alley (it may be hard to imagine, but they are more common than you may think).

Here in LA, I would not doubt it if a couple was able to go

out to a different restaurant every night for months without running out of options.

There are also many possibilities for singles. There are countless clubs that are open throughout the week and that all have different themes, to meet the needs of a large variety of people. Many of them let ladies in for free before a certain time, usually around 10 pm.

Yes, living in LA definitely has its advantages! This is the only city in the world where you'll find so much variety, from ethnic and cultural variety to a variety of activities. The days are never dull and the nights...well, let's just say the nights are like no others! Sure, it's no Vegas or New York, but it certainly gives them competition! So, welcome to L.A. May you enjoy your stay...and make the most of it!



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see TV tapings as fundraisers. It is interesting to see how the general public—the ones who actually buy the tickets—react to TV tapings while we take it for granted as we earn money for our clubs merely by attending.

Where else in the world can you walk down the street and casually say to your friends, "Look, there goes a limo. I bet that's someone famous or something" or maybe "Look, there goes Dustin Hoffman..."

Only in LA (or maybe only in Brentwood) can you live down the street from celebrities such as John Travolta, Hoffman, and Neil Simon. The funniest thing about it is that tourists would go crazy over a celebrity sighting and it would be a highlight of their trip, but us residents merely tell our friends nonchalantly "I saw so-and-so today. Pretty cool, huh?"

Prince of Egypt

This delightful rendition of the story of Moses, the Hebrew who helped free his people from Egyptian aggression, follows the Book of Exodus from the Bible. It shows Moses' point of view and describes his feelings and struggles.

This musically enhanced version, produced by Dreamworks, begins with Moses' mother placing him in a basket and sending him downstream and ends with Moses receiving the Ten Commandments.

There have been other theatrical portrayals of the biblical story but none quite like this. Unlike past versions of the character, this Moses acts normal, wreaking havoc on the palace and acting like a child. This gives us a view of what his life might have been like. Not all the events depicted in the movie are 100 percent historically or religiously accurate, but this is about as close as Hollywood comes.

This improvement can be attributed to the fact that the producers worked closely with religious leaders to ensure this version accurately followed the biblical story. A few scenes were also added to create the base of the story and to give some insight into what his life could have been like outside the history books.

One of the best attributes of the movie is the superior animation. Only in cartoon form can some of the scenes be portrayed so beautifully. It adds a mystical, magical element to the story. The cartoon form, in this case, does not detract from the believability of the story or make it seem childish; instead, it makes the events come to life!

From the magicians'



Movie Review

spells to the river transforming into blood to the parting of the Red Sea, the animation exceeded all possible expectations. In fact, if the film had not been a cartoon, such glorious scenes would have looked very cheesy (as seen in previous renditions). The most spectacular

scene is the parting of the Red Sea. Children, young and old, will enjoy this magnificently portrayed scene.

Another great aspect of this film is its music. Instead of boring us with big words and minute details, the producers tell us the story through picture and song. This cuts down on the length of some of the factual parts of the film and allows more time to develop the characters, a big plus. The songs are also a great addition because the beautiful voices of artists such as Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men enhance the scenes with their songs, creating a feeling of awe. Songs such as "There Can Be Miracles," sung by Houston and Carey, renew feelings of hope.

One of the only disadvantages to the film being a cartoon is that it may scare some teens and adults away, as they head on to see a "more serious" film.

Nevertheless, it is a charming film. It is recommendable to see it in the theater because the breathtaking views and great animation will not be the same on video. This film is one of the best out today and by far the most "family friendly."

I enthusiastically give it ★★★★★

The Oracle Movie Rating System

★	Not worth the film it was printed on.
★★	Hardly worth your time and money.
★★★	So-so movie, there have been better...and worse!
★★★★	Good movie, go see it this weekend!
★★★★★	Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you can't miss!

Another View of TITANIC

Leo... Kate... Celine... "My Heart Will Go On"... *Titanic*.... It is still everywhere!



Every time I turn around, Leo or his crewmates are staring me in the face. Every time I turn on the radio, they cannot seem to stop talking about it and will not stop playing that song! Is there no escape from the *Titanic* craze of 1998? Will it destroy 1999 too?

It all began when the movie was released in 1997. It was one of the most expensive films in history. In our foolishness, we were all swept up by the hype, not knowing what pain and anguish our folly would soon bring.

Well, over a year later, it is safe to say that they have not lost any money in this endeavor. Not only did we pay all their expenses by seeing the movie—multiple times—but we are still paying for their effort by having to endure that once-popular-now-awful song! It seems everyone involved made a large profit off the old sunken ship.

True, it was a good movie, but not the "movie of the century." True, "My Heart Will Go On" was a good song, but not after it was played half a million times! How many times do we have to be reminded of that sinking ship! It sunk; get over it! No movie, song, actor, singer, or anything else that has made its profit and popularity from a SINKING ship should continue to be a major pop influence for so long!

Months after every normal person on earth should have had enough of the whole *Titanic* idea and we were all on the verge of losing our lunches at the first hint of the word, we got bombarded with a whole new aspect of the movie. It has won more awards and has been mentioned more times than any other movie in recent memory!

And, amid all the movie hype, Broadway has continued to tour the country with the play, a bit more credible than the movie, but still adding to the craze. Now the necklace, costumes, and various bits and pieces from the movie and some from the real ship are being auctioned off at amazing prices, and people are buying!

What's next? How much more do we have to put up with? What new group of fortune-seekers is going to attempt to catch the wave of popularity before it dies? It seems profitable enough...look at where the big shots of the movie are now!

Dion made a killing at the American Music Awards, riding on the hype of her *Titanic* song. Okay, fine, some of her other songs did well, but I have a sneaky suspicion that it had something to do with a certain ship and all its popularity, not true merit. DiCaprio was named Entertainer of the Year by *Entertainment Weekly*. "Critics" (probably critics paid off by *Titanic* supporters) call *Titanic* one of the best films of the century. Golden Globes, People's Choice Awards, American Music Awards, Grammys, Oscars.... Are you sea sick yet?

Don't forget The Oracle is always looking to add more members to our staff! Everyone is welcome to come to our next meeting:

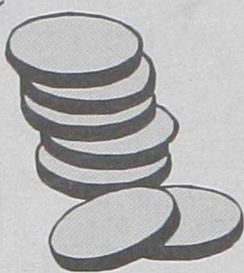
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We are looking for writers, artists, photographers, advertising assistants, layout designers...

Remember, it's never too late to join!

All Entertainment Articles By JOAN FLETCHER, Entertainment Reporter

Ask Athena About . . . Filing Taxes



Athena, the Goddess of War and Wisdom, is back after a one and a half year long sabbatical in her native land of Greece, specifically Mount Olympus.

*"Dear Athena,
Filing taxes is a bit of a mystery to me. I just don't know where to start or if I even need to do it. Please help me understand, Athena.*

Sincerely, 1040-is it EZ?"

Dear 1040-is it EZ?,

I'm glad you brought this important topic up. As an immortal goddess, I don't have to worry about taxes (but I do like a good sacrifice every now and then), so I didn't really have much of an understanding of filing taxes. Thankfully, I could turn to Diane Kelley, the Mount's Payroll Supervisor. Diane illuminated the process to me.

Everyone who works gets a W-2 form from their employer. If you have been on the Mount's payroll and still are, then you can pick up your W-2 form at the Business Office. If you no longer work at the Mount, you should have received a W-2 in the mail.

First, look at your wages on the W-2. Remember, if you have more than one job, you have more than one W-2, and you must add all figures. If you are single and NOT claimed as a dependent by your parents, then file a tax return if your gross income was \$6,950 or more. If you are single and a dependent, you must file a return if your earned income was over \$4,250.

If you are required to file a tax form, start by checking the criteria for the 1040-EZ to determine which federal form is right for you. All forms and their instructions are available at the Coe library in the entrance foyer. Most students can fill out the 1040-EZ. It is only one page and the instructions are clear.

If you have not made enough income to file, but you have paid taxes, you would want to file anyway to get a refund for the taxes. Look at box two on the W-2 to see if you paid federal taxes. Then follow the same instructions as above, starting with the 1040-EZ.

If none of the above situations apply to you (you didn't make enough and you didn't pay taxes), then keep your W-2 as a record.

The IRS has added a new form this year, called the 1098-T. If you received it, you will need to go to a tax accountant to see if you can receive the credit for tuition that this form allows. Also bring your student financial aid account statement. You will most likely fill out the 1040 as a result.

April 15 is the postmark deadline for all tax forms. You may want to do it early so you can fill out your FAFSA. Good luck, Athenians!

If you have a puzzle, an enigma, a mystery, a confusion, a disagreement, or a curiosity, Athena can help you figure it out. Please submit questions to Box 52, The Oracle.

Observant Student

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BY ANONYMOUS

Coming back to the Mount after the indulgent, month-long vacation was difficult. There were the usual annoyances, as well as new hassles. As we all know, the food hasn't improved. Food Services is obviously convinced that, despite the student body's protests, vegetarians can live solely on carbohydrates. The January 26th plumbing fiasco in Carondelet and Brady was a delight as well. Granted, Physical Plant couldn't foresee a busted pipe, but Residence Life could have been slightly more realistic in their response. The commuter lounge change machine is still broken (it's fake; shh!) Are we all familiar with the senior graduation guest speaker, linked to a questionable association with DA

Gil Garcetti? Read the front-page story for all the dirty details. Good things have happened too. New awnings have been put in place at Brady, Carondelet and Rossiter and the Circle has been redone, most likely to prevent rainy-day injuries (lawsuits.) The new guard-shack is close to completion (was it so difficult to figure out that people could circumvent security by going through Carondelet Center or that the rope wasn't stopping anyone who really wanted to get by?) On a truly bright note, The Muses is active again and they're putting on a musical, *Godspell*. The Observant Student isn't interested in negativity for it's own sake; maybe some positive changes will come about. If there's something you're unhappy with, make it known.

Caring for Yourself: Fatigue

BY VARSANA STASZAK

Copy Editor

If you feel exhausted, have low energy, and don't seem to function like your normal self, you have fatigue. According to the medical textbook *Current Diagnosis*, fatigue is a "physical and emotional state that all of us experience at times...[but] It does not mean weakness, dizziness, or lightheadedness."

There are many possible causes for fatigue. The most likely culprits pertain to your lifestyle, although there are some physical conditions that may be at the root of your trouble. *Current Diagnosis* lists psychosocial and physical causes. Refer to the chart at right. The book *Ayurveda*, a guide to the healing techniques from ancient India, adds to the list irregular habits and insomnia.

Fatigue is one of the most common and elusive problems in the primary care practice of medicine. It ranks as one of the top 10 reasons why patients seek medical care in the U.S.

Here are some remedies suggested by the guide to Ayurveda.

(1) *Watch your diet.* Eating too

much, especially fatty foods or refined carbohydrates, can make you feel lethargic, as can inadequate vitamins and minerals, particularly not enough of the B vitamins, iron, manganese, phosphorus, and potassium.

(2) *Make every effort to kick the caffeine habit.* If you give yourself an artificial lift by drinking coffee or cola, you are doing a disservice to your health and setting yourself up for a let-down later.

(3) *Get active.* Regular vigor-

fatigue is more common among college students and women, so Mount students are particularly prone. "Women suffer more often from anemia because of their menstrual cycle, and anemia causes fatigue," Fernandez said. A regular physical exam would show anemia. Fernandez advises, "An iron supplement is sometimes needed, but a healthy diet, well-balanced in iron and protein, is usually enough."

If the above remedies don't seem to improve your condition, see a doctor. You may have food allergies, sensitivities, or a burned-out immune system.

And make sure you get enough sleep. Sleep is an absolute necessity, so you can't sacrifice it for partying or the nightly habit of studying until morning time.

In Sarah Ban Breathnach's book *Something More*, she proposes the idea of settling down--"set-

ting time apart for the quieting of one's nerves, centering and becoming calm."

The best decisions are made on a full night's rest, Breathnach insists, while the worst decisions are made when you are "physically and emotionally exhausted and couldn't think properly."

Take care of yourself.

Common Causes for Fatigue

Psychosocial

Depression
Anxiety
Processes of Life
Boredom
Lack of exercise
Poor nutrition
Overwork
Burnout
[Also: Irregular Habits
Insomnia]

Physical

Anemia
Acute Infection
Chronic infection
Hyperthyroidism
Hypothyroidism
Diabetes mellitus
Pregnancy
Drugs
Alcohol
Amphetamines
Antihistamines
Oral contraceptives

ous exercise is energizing. Lying around like a couch or desk potato makes you feel more tired.

(4) *Get busy.* If understimulation is the cause of your fatigue, the answer is to get involved. [You could always join *The Oracle*.]

Arleen Fernandez, Director of Health Services, points out that

Horoscopes

BY SUZI SCHROEDER

Contributing Writer

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)

Pisces are a fascinating mixture of passion and fantasy. You captivate people with a glance. You have a mysterious way of figuring out what makes people tick. Romance is the way to your heart.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)

If you are around, things are bound to never be dull. You are like the old saying, "Where angels go, trouble follows." However, you can easily become jealous and won't tolerate being ignored or neglected. Take control and turn the situation to your advantage.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You are definitely a person of your own mind. You enjoy being pursued and wooed by the opposite sex, but are never truly won. Your independent, free-spirited streak is running strongly right now; see where it takes you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People are enchanted by the fact that you are impossible to figure out. Don't let your restlessness get the best of you. No one needs to persuade you to try something

new; variety is the spice of your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Love and security are two things that you seek in life. They will come, but they won't land in your lap. Take chances and make it happen. Communication is the key to solving a problem.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

Don't forget that you are above petty rivalries and cattiness. You are very intense, sometimes too much. It's okay to have fun; sometimes we all need a little of it. It is easy for you to find creative ways to earn money.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sep 22)

You have a knack for appearing calm, even if the undercurrent is stormy. That's why so many people trust your judgement. However, you don't have to hold your emotions in all the time. Once in a while someone can listen to how you feel for a change.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22)

You love the spotlight and seldom want to share it. People like to hang out with you because you make them laugh. However, sometimes you hurt people's feelings without realizing it, however you can remedy this with a sincere apology and a good dose of charm.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)

You are emotional, demanding and adventurous. You can get away with many things others can't simply because you're you. Use this to your advantage, but don't abuse it.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)

Fiery and passionate, you find a cause you believe in and fight to the proverbial death. You also believe in telling it how it is. Your sense of humor gets you out of more scrapes and predicaments than you care to think about.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)

Radiating with self-discipline, people often describe you as "classy." You yearn to be happy and find someone who understands. It's amazing how small this world really is, what you seek can often be found in the most unlikely places.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)

You are not the type of person to play games, nor do you tolerate those who do. Adventurous, you like to be free to do as you choose. You also have long term goals that you hold dear. Don't let anyone talk you out of them.



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+THE DANGERS OF THE NEW DATE RAPE DRUG: GHB

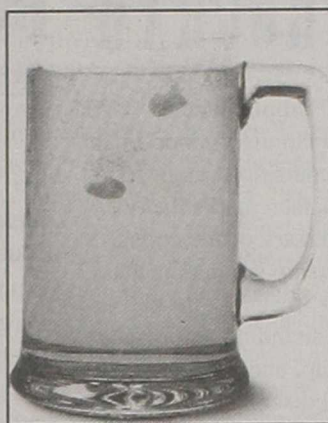
Archives
MSMG

By SUMMER CERVANTEZ
Co-Editor

Move over Rophynol, Gamma-hydroxybutyrate is the latest date rape drug. In Los Angeles County alone over the last year there have been over two dozen reported rapes or attempted rapes involving GHB, as local news station KCAL 9 reported last Wednesday.

In 1990 the FDA, after monitoring the substance for years, made GHB illegal to sell or possess, citing "numerous cases of GHB-related illness." GHB was originally promoted as a steroid alternative for body-building.

Despite the ban, GHB's black market status is growing. One



Gamma-hydroxybutyrate, also known as: GHB, liquid ecstasy, scoop, Grievous Bodily Harm, liquid X, goop, Georgia Home Boy, has nightmarish potential when mixed with alcohol. (Photo courtesy of the Rape Treatment Center)

reason may be because the French manufacturers of Rophynol (also known as "Roofies") have begun to add a blue dye to the drug that makes it more obvious to detect in drinks.

A study conducted by the Drug Abuse Warning Network found that GHB-related emergency room visits increased from "just 20 in 1993 to over 600 in 1998." The reasons for the visits ranged from rape, vomiting, dizziness, tremors, and seizures.

GHB comes in both a liquid and powder form, and can be snorted, drunk or mixed into drinks. It acts as a depressant on the central nervous system. GHB is colorless and odorless, but it can sometimes be detected by its salty taste.

GHB, in users who are aware they have ingested the drug, produces feelings of relaxation, tranquility,

placidity, mild euphoria and a tendency to verbalize.

In a user who has been drugged without his/her knowledge, GHB can cause strong mental and physical relaxation within 5 to 10 minutes; the effect can last up to three hours. At dosages higher than three grams, the result is a GHB-induced sleep that could last up to four hours. Smaller doses of GHB mixed with alcohol can have the same effect.

Street versions of GHB can easily be made at home with recipes obtained over the Internet. GHB can be bought on the street for \$10 a dose.

The California Police Chiefs Association recommends the following precautions be taken by college students, especially women, who are the number one at group at risk for date rape: "don't drink beverages you didn't open yourself; don't share or exchange drinks with anyone; don't leave your drink unattended; don't drink anything that has an unusual taste or appearance; don't drink from a punch bowl; and always watch out for friends—don't leave them alone at party."

DOHENY STUDENTS DEBATE RESIDENCE LIFE PROCEDURES

By ALICIA RHYMES
Staff Reporter

For many young women

not, "We are all adults. We should all be entitled to our privacy, it is no one's business



Students in McIntyre Hall are the only Mount residents students who must deal with an access code to enter their rooms. (Photo by Moria Demby)

at Doheny, this is the first time that they have been away from their parents. Lately, Doheny students have a few concerns regarding the procedures of residence life. Specific concerns are about the security code to enter McIntyre and the signing in and out of male visitors. These two topics have been the topic of conversation for the past four months.

Director of Residence Life at Doheny, Alex Sosa, commented on the signing in and out of male visitors, "It is important to know who is in the McIntyre dorms at all times. If there is an emergency everyone must be accounted for. Unlike the houses there are approximately 100 occupants in McIntyre. The signing in and out of male visitors is merely a safety measure," said Sosa.

Tiffani Smith, a first year student, feels the signing in and out of male visitors is is

who comes in and out." In addition Smith questions the reliability of the signing in and out of guests because "some of the visitors do not put their real name."

Amber Horn, a first year student, feels that Residence Life has a point and agrees with Sosa that the procedures help ensure safety. "We should know who is in McIntyre just in case a natural disaster occurs, such as an earthquake."

Some students have complained the access code to McIntyre because the code is easy to acquire.

"The security code is only as effective as you want it to be," said Sosa.

Lashanta Crawford, a first year student, agrees with Sosa. "We the residents complain about how it is not safe, but we must ask ourselves are we doing our part, to make this campus a safer place."

Student Union

National News from Colleges and Universities

UNION PROTESTS UCLA LABOR POLICIES

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Last Thursday, State Assemblyman Scott Wildma joined union members in front of the Jules Stein Eye Institute to protest university labor policies which they say negatively affect research at UCLA.

The University Professional and Technical Employees union has been negotiating with the University of California for nearly three years to procure a contract for staff research assistants. At the conference, the union accused UCLA of keeping a high number of SRAs as casual employees, thereby denying them benefits and giving them impetus to leave the university.

Union statistics show 68 percent of SRAs at UCLA are casual employees, and 45 percent of that number have been held as casual employees for several years.

SUPREME COURT ORDERS PERSONAL CARE FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that public schools must fund one-on-one nursing care for some disabled students throughout the school day.

The court ruled that this type of public finance is required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

"Congress intended to open the door of public education to all qualified children and required participating states to educate handicapped children with non-handicapped children whenever possible," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote in the court opinion.

Providing one-on-one nursing care is expensive, the Supreme Court acknowledged. School districts might face financial concerns as a result of Wednesday's ruling.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS STUDENTS, FACULTY PROTEST AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, MASS.—In the second protest of the semester, University of Massachusetts students came together with faculty, five College members, and civil rights leader Anne Braden to make themselves heard last Wednesday afternoon.

Protesting against the recent university decision not to prioritize race in admissions policy, the protest organized by the Black Student Union took place in its traditional starting point — on the steps of the Student Union.

An enthusiastic crowd of about 500 students were in attendance at the protest.

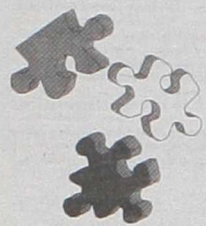
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT INCREASES 24 PERCENT

(U-WIRE) WACO, TEXAS—According to an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, undergraduate enrollment at Christian colleges that are members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities has increased 24 percent since 1990.

Enrollment only increased by 5 percent at private colleges and 4 percent at public institutions.

The article cites several factors that explain the increase including demographics, student and parent concern about secular institutions, improved reputations and more sophisticated marketing.

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Pieces of the Puzzle : UP CLOSE WITH THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

By JOSIE GARCIA AND
VARSANA STASZAK
Contributing Reporter and
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Under the direction of Cheryl Mabey, the Mount's nationally-renown Leadership program offers many valuable



The Leadership office is open to all Mount students who wish to improve their leadership skills. Seen here is a student office worker, Natalie Priester (Photo by Summer Cervantez)

services and programs to students on both campuses.

One such program is the Women's Internship Network during Spring break. The Leadership program coordinates the network with the Junior League of Women Voters.

In actuality, WIN is not an internship but a "shadowing" program in which a student is paired with a top woman policy maker in their field of interest. The emphasis is on public policy, and all areas are represented—from broadcast journalism to law to non-profit work.

"Twenty years of Leadership graduates are available to mentor,

meet for lunch, or house students for out-of-state experiences," Mabey said about the WIN opportunity.

Shelly Westebbe, the new Leadership Coordinator for the Chalon campus, described WIN as, "a way for [some students] to test their dreams, while for others, it simply expands thinking about a career or grad school options."

Prior to Spring break, WIN participants attended a workshop to help prepare for meeting the demands of their workplace, including such concerns as dress code, transportation, and how to initially get acquainted with their mentor.

The Leadership program is also offering the chance for students to participate in the Public Leadership Education Network, which conducts seminars in Washington, D.C. The new Mount student club, Women Leaders of Today, is devoted to supporting the PLEN opportunity, as well as promoting the awareness of public policy and women's leadership.

Students have already gone on a January trip and are currently fundraising to go on week-long trips in both March and May. In our nation's capital, students will learn from women leaders about the law, Congress, and International Policy.

Over 20 years ago, the

Mount implemented a Leadership Studies minor in its academic course offerings. This school year then marks the twentieth anniversary of the college's first Leadership graduating class. The minor focuses on the in-depth understanding and practice of leadership, and is open to students of all disciplines.

The Leadership program particularly educates students about leadership potential through opportunities in the classroom. There is a one-unit Leadership seminar, Fall and Spring Leadership conferences, as well as a Leadership portfolio. A student does not need to be a Leadership minor to participate. Mabey emphasizes the fact that every person has the ability to be a leader, and actually should be in their own personal lives.

Why is it important for Mount students to utilize the tools of the Leadership program? Besides providing exposure and training in multiple disciplines, leadership programs offer the critical thinking and analytical skills necessary for success. Mabey sees the answer as taking root in a student's initial decision to attend the Mount.

"The Leadership program at the Mount is committed to assisting students in broadening their arena of influence through distinctive leadership experience. Why else would a student attend a woman's college, except to accelerate their leadership potential?" Mabey said.

You can still sign up for the Spring Leadership Conference on the Chalon campus. See the Leadership Office at your respective campus for more information.

A WOMAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE?

By AMANDA PRINCE
Layout Editor

The first woman to make a bid for President of the United States was Victoria Claflin Woodhull, a candidate of the Equal Rights Party, who ran in 1872 against Ulysses S. Grant and Horace Greeley. In the twentieth century, three women — Margaret Chase Smith in 1964, Shirley Chisholm in 1972 and Patricia Schroeder in 1988—have unsuccessfully sought their party's nomination.

Now, in 1999, Elizabeth Dole, is expected to announce her plans to launch an exploratory campaign for the GOP's year 2000 presidential nomination.

The wife of 1996 presidential hopeful Bob Dole, Dole is considered not only the first serious woman candidate, but also a serious Republican contender.

Dole, whose polls show as being fairly evenly matched with Texas Governor George W. Bush (former President Bush's son), is recognized for her 30 years of experience in weighty Washington jobs, including positions in the Nixon-Ford administration, Reagan's cabinet and, until January 1999, as President of the American Red Cross.

She is also known among many as a charismatic speaker. Dole, 62, played an important role in her husband's failed 1996 presidential bid.

Conditions and attitudes towards a woman in the White House seem conducive to Dole's election. According to research done by the White House Project, an organization dedicated to the election of women to the Oval Office and other key positions, the majority of the public is ready to elect a woman president.

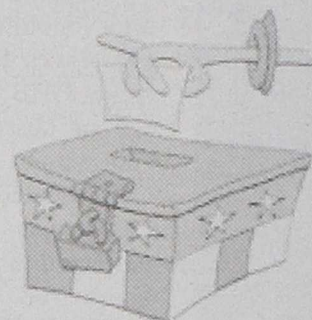
The Center for the American Woman and

Politics statistics show that 65 women serve in Congress, 9 in the Senate and 56 in the House, numbers considered "all-time highs."

However, none of this ensures Dole's election. As Dr. James Delahanty, Chair of History and Political Science, points out, professed attitudes often "conceal public hypocrisy...Note that Governor Christie Whitman of New Jersey, as an executive candidate (as opposed to legislative) has barely won both times despite good press and financial resources. Ann Richards (as governor of Texas) had 60 percent approval ratings and lost re-election by a vote of 55 to 45."

And despite "all-time high" numbers of women in Congress, they are still definite minorities, occupying roughly between 19 and 27 percent of the seats.

So where does that leave Elizabeth Dole in 2000? As always in politics, it is too early to tell.



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SERIAL RAPISTS IN MEXICO'S DESERTS

By VERONICA AGUILERA
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Six years ago officials started to find dead bodies in a desert of the city of Juarez in Mexico. Investigators were starting to suspect that it could pertain to a serial killer(s) who was killing his victims and dumping them in the desert where supposedly nobody would find them. But the killer was wrong.

In 1995, the body of Sylvia Elena Morales was found in the desert known as "Lote Bravo". The victim had been raped, tortured, her right breast had been cut, her nipples had been bitten off, and she had been choked.

When Sylvia's parents reported their daughter's disappearance, the authorities told them that they would have to wait 72 hours and that probably she had just run off with her boyfriend. What they did not know that in the years to come, they would find about one hundred more bodies killed in a sim-

ilar way.

The body of 17 year-old Sagrario Gonzalez was found on April 29. She had disappeared on April 16 and her parents had immediately reported her disappearance to the authorities. Every victim underwent DNA testing to confirm the identity of the victim, but in the case of Sagrario, the results came out negative. (Her mother was told that the authorities had made a mistake, but that the body still belonged to her daughter. Her mother to this day still has hope that her daughter is still alive.)

The youngest of the victims was Celia Guadalupe, a 13 year-old girl who was also raped and tortured. Guadalupe disappeared when she was coming out of school and was never seen again.

The townspeople complain about the authorities' behavior toward the crimes. Esther Chavez Cano, a writer, believes that if the women being murdered were of the upper class,

authorities would act faster.

To this day two suspects have been arrested, Abdel Sharif Sharif, an Egyptian and Sergio Armendariz also known as "The Devil". Armendariz claims that he is innocent and that he was forced to confess that he had committed the crimes. On the other hand, Sharif has been charged with 150 accusations. He feels that the authorities fabricated the evidence to protect the guilty. He accuses a police officer and two drug dealers as being part of all the murders. He was sentenced to thirty years of prison for the murder of Elizabeth Castro who was another victim found in the desert.

The United States FBI has been called for assistance because there are two other suspects who they believe are living in El Paso, Texas. Meanwhile, the families of the victims keep fighting for justice because they feel that the last thing they can lose is hope.

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A DEMAND FOR REAL WORLD BARBIES

By MELISSA HUNSBERGER

(U-WIRE) PEORIA, ILL.—The talk show was typical oddball fare: "Women who want to look like Barbie." The platinum-blond ladies sat on stage, skin tanned to resemble leather purses, with forced smiles upon their red-lip-sticked mouths. They told horror stories. One woman had her bottom ribs removed in pursuit of the proverbial 18-inch waistline. They had undergone all sorts of plastic surgery, endured badly botched nose jobs and gotten breast implants, all in a sick attempt to emulate a miniature plastic doll.

Barbie has been around for about 40 years now, but the idea that we must go to

ridiculous lengths to mold our bodies into whatever image is currently in vogue has existed since time immemorial.

Those people who decide what is beautiful for the hour (referred to most often as "they") have no regard for what is healthy or safe. Millions upon millions of dollars are spent each year on liposuction, crash diets and a parade of beauty implements that promise well-being and happiness.

For all you girls who have been fashionably starving yourselves since Kate Moss became Calvin Klein's "it girl," strap on the feeding bags. She's been replaced by a slightly fuller figured model.

It's not completely unfounded to say that having confidence in your appearance could lead to an overall improvement in self-esteem (which may, ultimately, encourage well-being and happiness), but many women and men have an almost pathological, single-minded obsession with physical beauty.

Next time you're gazing at yourself in the mirror, think about what happened to Narcissus. And although Barbie is a good starting point, she's not the real problem.

Barbie is the enduring creation of a society that places irrational demands upon women. Barbie can be given a tiny bit of credit for joining the work-

force, although sentencing "Dr. Barbie" to make her rounds in a pink mini-skirt and stiletto heels seems to be cruel and unusual punishment.

If the goal is to make her more realistic, how about a Barbie mother of twins, complete with stretch marks and spit-up stains on the shoulder of her nice new blouse? Let's see how long that fakey plastic smile lasts when she's up all night tending to a colicky baby. Bad-hair day Barbie might be a hit among survivors of nightmare perms. PMS Barbie could come with little plastic aspirins and chocolate.

I'm not so single-mindedly feminist that I'm going to ignore Ken.

Pit Bulls: To Kill or Keep?

By VERONICA AGUILERA

It is said that a dog is man's best friend, but I wonder if the man who



came up with this saying ever thought about the day the dog was going to become his worst enemy, and maybe even kill him.

A couple of weeks ago, an 18 month old baby died of injuries inflicted by the family's pet pit bull, who was later put to sleep. The

parents of the child claim that the baby was outside with them when the dog attacked him. Other witnesses claim the child hit the dog with a stick and that is why he was attacked. In a situation like this I ask myself, where were the child's parents when this incident occurred? They claimed to have been there, but why couldn't they stop the dog from attacking the child? If someone had really been looking after the child, the child would still be alive today; maybe with some scratches, but he would still be here.

The child of this unfortunate incident became one of the many victims that have been attacked and/or killed

by pit bulls. In some cases the victims were unexpectedly attacked by the animal. Such is the case of the postal worker who was brutally killed. I would say that in this kind of situation the owner of the dog should be fined because the postal worker was just delivering the mail and made no provocation towards the dog at all.

But in other situations that are not similar to the one of the postal worker, who is to blame? I acknowledge every case is different, but just because sometimes the victim might be the one who provoked the dog, the dog should be kept in a place where people are not at the risk of being

attacked if they walk by the animal. I am not suggesting that it is alright for people to beat dogs without getting what they deserve, but it is not alright for the dog to kill a human being or for people to provoke them.

We all have a right to a bit of space on this earth. It is just a matter of learning how to live together. Pit bulls are known to be very dangerous dogs and the solution is not to destroy the species, but to learn how to take care of them. If pit bulls are going to be kept as pets, then the owner should make sure the pit bull is kept in a safe place, both for the dog and anybody that gets near him.

Smoking Your Way Through The Movies

By VERONICA AGUILERA
Co-Editor

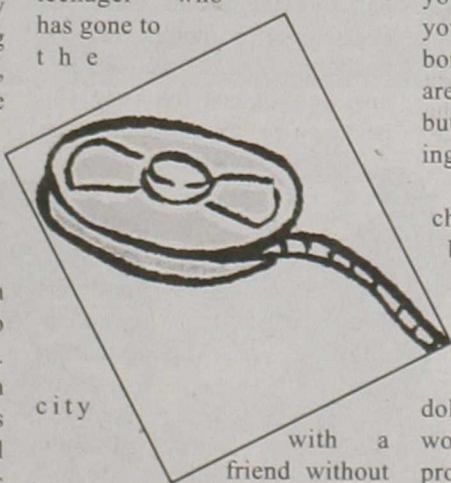
200 Cigarettes is a humorous movie that not everybody will be able to enjoy. Starring Courtney Love, Paul Rudd, Christina Ricci, Jay Mohr, Dave Chapelle, Ben Affleck, and Janeane Garofalo, 200 Cigarettes is set in the city of New York in 1981 during New Year's Eve.

Throughout the movie, each of the characters are trying to get to a New Year's party. Every character goes through many situations that enables them to get to the party, as well as through emotional conflicts and betrayal.

Love and Rudd play two friends that are hanging together for New Year's, but Rudd is

depressed because his last relationship failed. Ricci, on the other hand, plays a teenager who has gone to the

city with a friend without her mother's permission. She meets two punks and ends up sleeping with an actor.



The movie is set during the 1980's so the wardrobe is very colorful. There are times when you might get a little sleepy, but you'll survive. It gets a little boring to see how the characters are trying to get to this party, but at the same time are avoiding to get there first.

The title reflects how some characters hide their emotions behind a cigarette, but it is not the basis of the movie.

It helps portray the anxiety of some of the characters. I do not regret paying five dollars to see this movie, but I would not see it again. It would probably attract teenage viewers because of the party scenario and older viewers because it is based during the 1980's.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors:

As a student here, I pay \$263 a semester in Student Activities fees. These fees are supposed to cover things like ASB dances and other campus programs. Also they are intended to provide funding for student clubs. If this is so, then why do student clubs receive hardly any money at all? Clubs have to fight for every dollar they receive. Also, due to Student Activities' advanced organizational system, clubs are denied funding on a technicality—their BRB was not received (hence lost). This happens every year. This semester, I have heard rumors of it happening to a few clubs, but I know it happened to the Muses. The Muses are the recently re-activated drama club and were counting on school support to help defray the costs (around \$1,000 dollars) for their musical "Godspell." They received absolutely no funding at all and are struggling to come up with the money. The Muses have about 25 members directly involved in the play's production. If 50 dollars of each of the 25 involved Students Activities fees went to their club, they would have more than enough money with which to do things. Supposedly clubs are only supposed to receive money for activities that are not exclusive and benefit everyone. And, since when is a play exclusive? Anyone who knows something about theatre knows that backstage and tech support is just as important as the actresses on the stage. It's funny how the com-

munity is enthusiastic about the play, but the Student Activities office isn't. No wonder clubs go inactive after all the bureaucracy they have to go through. The Muses were actually told that they had to cut their rehearsal time in the Little Theater so that others could use it too. Sharing is a good thing, but to my knowledge, nothing has been scheduled in the Little Theatre on the days they were forced to hold rehearsal elsewhere. Why are BRB and ASB meetings held behind closed doors? We as the student body should be able to know what's going on. What's the big secret anyway? Where does the money go? If you figure we have about 1,000 students on the Chalon campus and they each pay \$526 a year—that's a lot of money! Even if you figure in maintenance of the Student Activities Office and ASB, there still should be plenty of money to give to deserving clubs. It seems like all most clubs do here is raise money—look at IROC and Pi Theta Mu. Personally, I get sick of fundraising overkill. Clubs fight over the same fundraising base just to earn enough money for basic events. Think of all the things clubs could do if they each received \$1,000 a year! We deserve to have our clubs reap the benefits of the money we are forced to pay. Put Student Activities money back where it belongs—in the hands of student clubs and organizations.

Sincerely,
Suzi Schroeder

UFOs: Do You Believe?



Suzi Youssef, Veronica Perez-Carrillo and Rebecca Pelle greet any alien visitors with a smile. (Photo by Amanda Prince)

Yeah, it's a random question, but what do you think about ghosts and UFOs? Here is what some Mount students had to say:

"Ghosts—probably not. I just don't understand why ghosts would come back and haunt. Aliens, I suppose they could exist because the universe is just so big. If it's infinite, there's other life. Whether aliens travel is another thing, though..."

Rebecca Pelle, third year

"I believe in spirits, I just don't believe they interact with us. People are susceptible to that stuff because of movies."

Veronica Perez-Carrillo, first year

"Aliens; yes, ghosts, yes. The universe is a big place and random things happen. Ghosts because there's much uncertainty after we die."

Suzi Youssef, second year

"I'd like to say I do, but I'd need first-hand proof. It'd be cool if they did exist—aliens, not ghosts—they're scary."

May Percy, first year

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In Afghanistan 11.5 million women, victims of the extremist military group—the Taliban, are prisoners in their own homes. They are forbidden from working outside the home, from going to school, and from access to medical care. Women are forced to wear burquas, a head-to-toe covering with a mesh-cage opening just enough to see and breathe through, and may only leave the house accompanied by a male relative.

In other countries, millions of young girls are still being forced to undergo the “cultural rite” of female circumcision. Survivors who manage to escape such practices refer to it as female genital mutilation.

In *The Oracle's* own pages we warn our students of date rape drugs, tell of a serial rapist still free in Mexico, and learn some women will do anything to look like Barbie. We turn on the television and hear the number of reported rapes on college campuses is steadily increasing.

And speaking of rape, women beware. If you are in Italy and are wearing jeans, rape is a no go. The verdict is a woman who wears jeans can't be raped. I'm sure many rape survivors will be shocked to hear that news.

It is with all this in mind we should embrace Women's History Month. Clearly, the struggle for women's rights and the telling of women's history is not over. Take some moments this month to learn and add to the history. Honor the women whose struggles and survival have helped to give us voice. Honor not only famous suffragettes, abolitionists, feminists, chemists, authors, lawyers, nurses and doctors. Honor mothers—your mother, her mother and your great grandmother. Ask them of their past. Honor all women by not letting the cries of the Afghan women be silenced. Guard each other and uplift each other. For your own daughters, speak with strength, speak of horror, demand justice and seek truth.

Summer Cervantez

Feminist,

Proud Daughter of Maria Anna Cervantez,

Granddaughter of Evangelina Maria Cervantez,

Woman.

Women's History Month

Feminism Doll:

People have different attitudes towards feminism. When students at the Mount were asked to define feminism and say what they thought about it, they responded in the following ways.

“Feminism, to me, is the ability to stand for yourself without expecting a male figure to help you out. Regardless of how difficult a situation might be, the female should be the one who takes responsibility for her own actions. Feminism is good because women don't have to ask males for help. Now, women are equal to men; therefore, men should treat them with respect.”
- Catalina Hernandez
Fourth year student

“Feminists, I believe, are people who think women should have equal rights and be treated as men. Sometimes, feminists take this too far and become defensive about people who don't believe in feminism. Women like this are called derogatory names. Other people consider feminists lesbians because they try to be equal. I don't agree with the way feminists are treated because they're only trying to strive for equality.”
- Yesenia Hernandez
Fourth year student

“Feminism is striving for women's rights and equality by breaking down barriers in the men's world. Feminism is a collective power, and if it's used correctly, it will be a remedy for sexism; militant actions and speeches will only produce ignorant results.”
- Michele Nguyen
Fourth year student



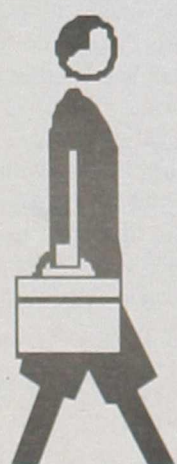
“Feminism is the movement in which women made themselves known, not as superior or inferior, but as individuals with minds of their own. My opinion is that it is good for women to make themselves known as long as they don't abuse it. Many times women tend to take advantage of the “power” they acquire and want to take over everything and that is not the reality.”
- Alma Castillo
Third year student

“I think a feminist is a woman who believes in equal rights. Women who are feminists believe they can do work that's comparable to a man's, or even better. Feminists believe that they should be independent from men. When someone becomes a feminist, I think they become a role model.”
- Maria Ceja
Fourth year student

The Mount's Women's History Month Events

March 24 is the Women's History Fair, from 10a.m. to 4p.m. in the circle; clubs are welcome to participate. For more info, contact ext. 4421

March 26 is WAKE's Pizza and Movie Night. For more info, contact ext. 4407



Pizan's Rose

By Kim Leng

In the Medieval world that condemned women as inferior to men, there lived a woman named Christine de Pizan who wrote many books to challenge this view. Although she was a prolific writer, her most well known work is *The Book of the City of Ladies*. It is a book that celebrates women's contributions to society. She wrote this book to show that women can do many things just as well as men if they are given the same opportunities in education.

Christine de Pizan started writing as a means to support her family after she was widowed at the age of 25 with three kids to support along with her mother and a niece. Some of her early writings included love poetry and devotional texts. Then in 1401 Christine became involved in the *Romance of the Rose* debate.

The *Romance of the Rose* was a poem about love and was composed by two different authors. According to Andrea Hopkins in *Most Wise and Valient Ladies*, the poem "was an allegorical dream-vision, originally written by one Guillaume de Lorris, who describes how he fell asleep and dreamed of entering a beautiful garden, at the center of which was a lovely rose bush bearing one perfect, exquisite budding rose. The rose represents a lovely young virgin, with whom the narrator has fallen madly in love; in the allegory, his one desire is to penetrate the defenses with which the Rose is surrounded, and pluck her. In this he is helped by personified abstractions such as Fair Welcome, Frankness, Pity, as well as the God of Love, and opposed Danger, Jealousy, and Spite." Guillaume de Lorris passed away and did not finish the poem.

Then forty years later it was continued by Jean de Meun. According to Andrea Hopkins, "in the latter's hands the *Romance of the Rose* ceased to be a delicate exploration of how to win a woman's affection and became a much more cynical account of how to get her into bed, liberally padded with the most outrageously misogynistic statements—all presented with quotes culled from classical authors and the Bible. Women, he claims, are all deceitful, even good ones; are all unstable and moody, naïve and gullible, addicted to flattery and gossip, indiscreet, greedy, cunning, avaricious, spiteful."

Debate arose when a well-known intellectual of the time, Jean de Montreuil, praised the poem as a magnificent piece of work and praised de Meun as a genius. Christine disagreed with him and wrote him about it. She saw De Meun's writing as wrongfully depicting women's characteristics and defended women as virtuous and wise. De Pizan was fed up with the negative view of women at that time and she wrote against it.

In regard to *The Book of the City of Ladies*, Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski and Kevin Brownlee write in *The Selected Writings of Christine de Pizan* that "women's achievement as depicted in books 1 and 2 cover all areas of learning: science, poetry, painting, agriculture, and military arts; some are even prophets. Their deeds illustrate the virtues of filial piety, devoted motherhood, marital love, chastity, constancy, and honesty. The saints of book 3 are all martyrs and thus are exemplars of these same virtues in a religious context." Clearly, Christine has made a good defense for women and they are not spiteful and evil as de Meun makes them to be.

Although Christine de Pizan lived many centuries ago we can learn a lot from her. She still speaks to the modern person today. We live in a society where women's contributions to history and the society sometimes go unrecognized. However, at this point in time, more and more people seem to have a sincere concern for wanting to learn about women's contribution to history. Christine de Pizan was ahead of her time in recognizing the importance of celebrating women in history. Just as she celebrated the contribution of other women to society, let us, too, remember her and her contribution.

Illustration by Kim Leng



How I Am A Feminist

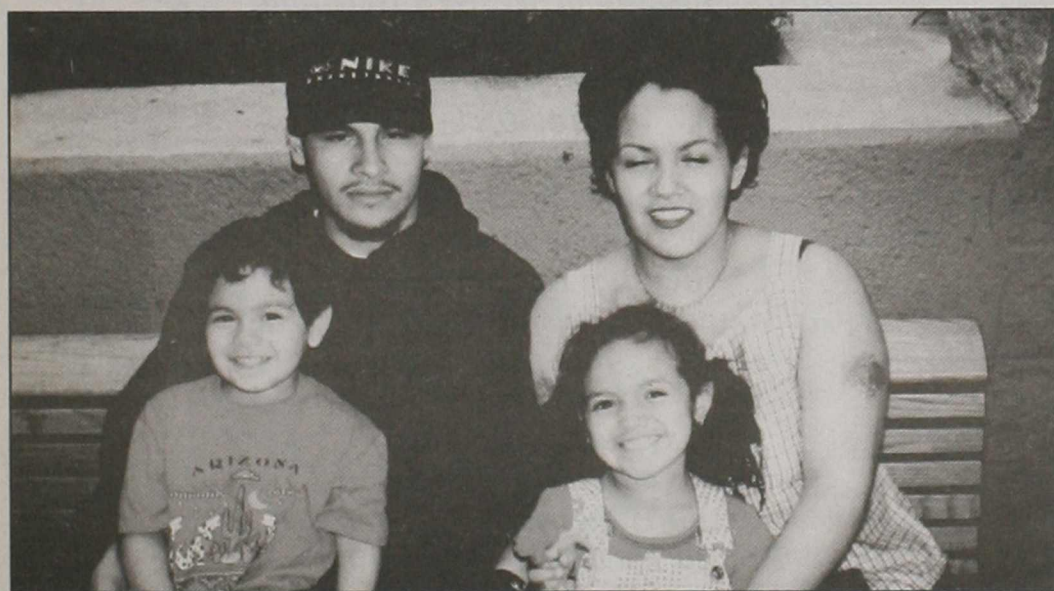
By Cynthia Vega

Throughout the course of my life, I have arrived at, and eventually transcended, a series of phases. These eras collectively formed the essence of my physical and psychological development. In the words of my heart, I have lived to see another day.

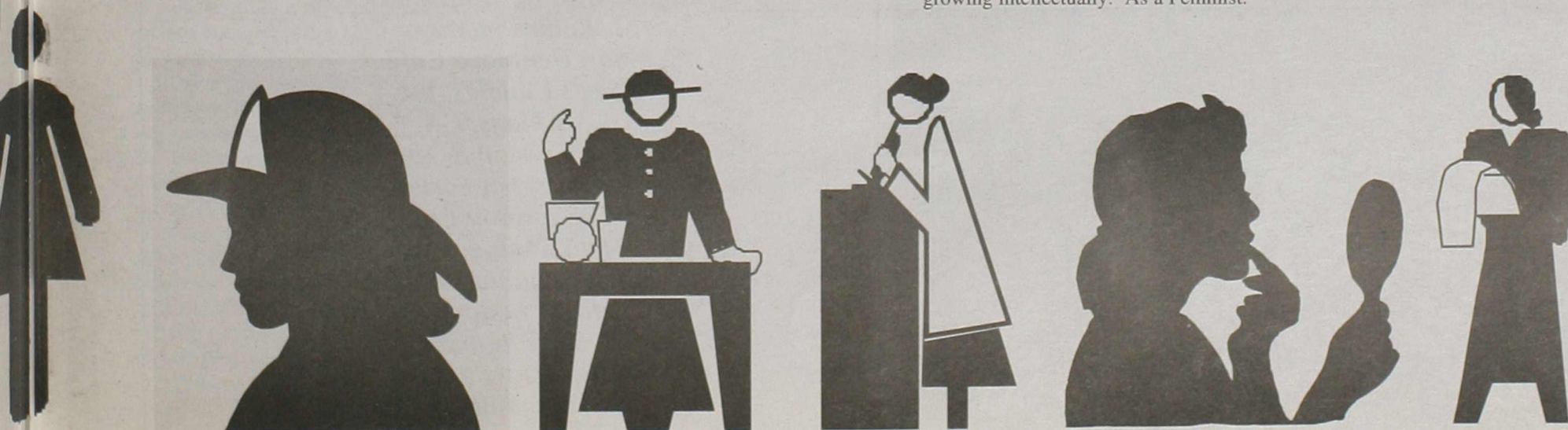
At some point, I arrived at the conclusion that I could not survive as anything but a Feminist.

To me, a Feminist is embodied in one who defends humanity by any means available. Personally, I do not have means for much more than survival. As a mother/student, I have often found myself torn between my personal commitments and my heartfelt obligation to humanity. With time, I have settled that turmoil by being the best human that I can be. Anything less would compromise the quality of my life's contribution.

If, by now, you're asking yourself, "Well, what does she do?" I'll be more than happy to specify. To my children, I am an equal partner in life because I match every breath they take with two of my own. I live and work for them. To my partner, I am a friend because friendship brings out the best in me without the clouds of passion. To my friends and colleagues, I am true and committed to giving 110 percent of my mind and my spirit. Most importantly, to the world, I offer my life. In doing so, I am bound to taking proper care of my body, nurturing my spirit, and growing intellectually. As a Feminist.



The author and her family (Photo credit to Cynthia Vega)



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Museum of Tolerance: Center of Cultural Understanding

Empty faces, ghosts from the past, stare at you as you pass. You wonder how anyone could have let this happen. How could the racism and propaganda destroy thousands of innocent lives and scar countless more? How could anyone be so sick and demented as to perform such horrible experiments on other human beings? These great mysteries will haunt us for all time and good reasons will never be found.

Located in the heart of Los Angeles, the Museum of Tolerance, part of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, provokes these questions from all its visitors. It is a unique museum that explores the Holocaust and searches for an explanation.

Not only does it provide insight into the most horrifying crime against humanity that history has ever recorded, but it allows us to see how racism, ethnocentrism and genocide affects everyone involved. It focuses on all forms of racism, religious and ethnic, in an attempt to eradicate the hateful emotion from human hearts.

A trip to the museum is not for the weak-hearted. It is a highly emotional experience where one learns a lot about history...and about the present.

One of the themes of the tour is the discrimination. They ask a question that we should all ask ourselves: do we have prejudices?

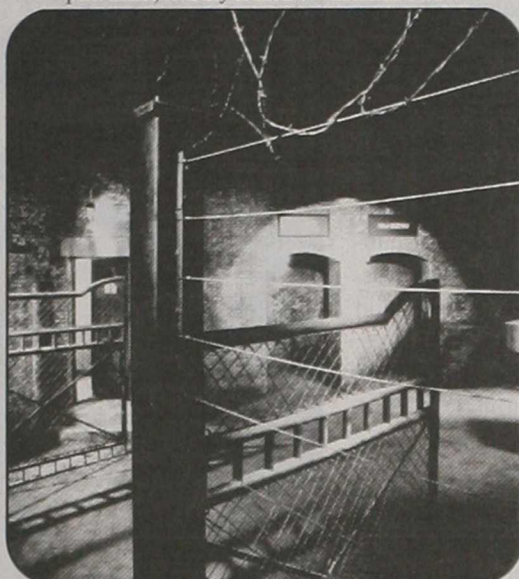
Some self-righteous folks will be quick to respond with a firm "no." But, this question demands more thought. Everyone has prejudices. One person may prefer jeans to dresses or blue to orange. This may be called preference, but it also a form of prejudice.

The point they make is central to the quest for the understanding of and elimination of racism. The problem must be understood before it can be eliminated.

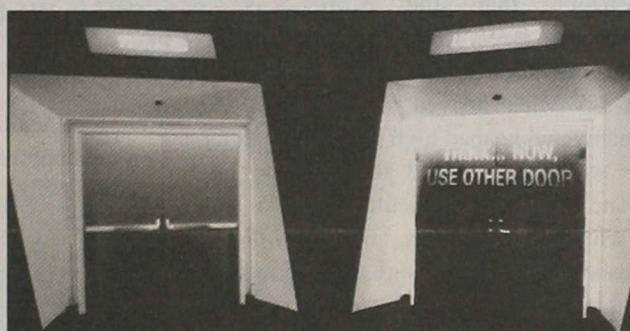
Other rooms of the museum have special exhibits, such as pic-



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"Entrance to Tolerance Center" Photo by Jim Mendenhall. Reprinted with permission, courtesy of Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Martin Luther King (top) and the Holocaust (middle) are special focuses of the museum's programs. The eye-opening tour invites you to choose a door (bottom), one admits prejudices, the other, marked unprejudiced, says to think again.

tures of children and families who have suffered through the Holocaust. There are stories for each picture.

There are many resources about the Holocaust available in the Museum, making it the perfect place to do a research paper on World War II, the Holocaust, or racism. There are other momentos on display such as a copy of the Torah, the Jewish scriptures, on display which are meant to encourage understanding between cultures.

The most shocking aspect of the museum is a seemingly insignificant card you receive at the beginning of the tour. It has a face and a name on it. You carry it around until the end of the tour, where you put it into a computer to discover the story behind the face.

Many of the cards reveal sad stories about victims of Auschwitz who died in the infamous concentration camps. Some of them depict young children who were mercilessly murdered in concentration camps.

When I went, my card had the face of young girl, about six, who died in the showers at Auschwitz. It may be emotionally draining, but it is well worth it because the knowledge you obtain is priceless.

A visit to the Museum of Tolerance is a worthwhile learning experience. Everyone walks away with something. The Holocaust and the horrifying experiences come alive and make you see the reality in the stories. It puts faces to the horror. A trip to the museum increases understanding of culture and exposes the ugliness of racism.

The museum is located off the 10 freeway at 9760 Pico. Their hours are 10 to 4 from Monday through Thursday, 10 to 1 on Friday and 10:30 to 5 on Sunday.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students with an ID. For further information, contact the Museum at (310) 553-9036.

Fun and Free: Interesting Things to Do at UCLA

Another long week of class, work and eternal boredom has at last ended. You and your friends talk about the upcoming weekend and realize none of you have plans. After a stressful week, all you want to do is get off campus and do something fun. There are the normal suggestions: clubs, restaurants, coffee or ice cream.

You head to your purse, only to find a major cash flow problem. Sensing disaster, you look for a quick save, but no one can come up with a fun but free activity.

Tired of these weekends ruined by the lack of low cost (free) options? Here's your answer, a new column that highlights some fun, free things to do around here. LA is an exciting place, when you know where to go and what to do.

Due to the immobility of the average student, we'll start with hangouts available along the route of STOPTrans, Loop One. The most interesting places to hang out in Westwood is UCLA. There are a wide variety of activities, from sports to frats to libraries. In the center of campus is the Ackerman Union, home to various restaurants, the Xcape game room, and the UCLA store. The food court area promises social interaction, good food, and a great view of the campus.

To the west of Ackerman, there is the athletic fields. One sports related place of

interest is the Athletic Hall of Fame, which highlights the history of UCLA's greatest athletes. It includes photos, trophies, videos and memorabilia. For UCLA sports fans, it's a walk down memory lane. The Hall of Fame is open from Monday to Friday, 8 to 5. If you're not into sports, head to the east, toward the libraries.

Contrary to some folk tales, "nerds" are not the only ones that hang out in libraries. All college students must do some research. Besides, you have to walk through a populated part of the campus (a possibility of meeting new "friends") before reaching the library. An added advantage to the library scene is that you can merge your desire to meet new people and your major yearning to start on that Bio paper due Monday.

The Young Research Library (URL) and the Powell Library are the best places to conduct research. There are also 11 subject libraries open to the public. All you need is a pencil, paper and a few dimes for your research because you need a library card to check materials out...and only UCLA students enjoy such perks.

Another advantage to hanging out at UCLA is the co-ed interaction. Going to a women's college is great, but you must admit that you miss reality every once in a while. The interaction you crave can be found at UCLA where there are more than enough friendly students to meet.

For those interested in the arts, UCLA is the place to be. The Fowler Museum of Cultural History, the Armand Hammer Museum and the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden are open during normal business hours and may have a nominal cost. They all have different focuses and have offered many famous exhibits.

Other interesting places to visit are the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden, located in the center of campus, and the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden, located in Bel Air across from UCLA. The sculpture garden is home to many interesting, unusual, and famous sculptures. The botanical garden features over 4000 species of native and exotic plants. The botanical garden is open weekdays from 8 to 5 and weekends from 8 to 4.

Another interesting garden for the nature-lover to enjoy is the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden, which includes bonsai trees, waterfalls, flowering magnolias and a water lily pool filled with Koi fish, accented with bridges, sculptures, and a traditional teahouse. It is a lovely, quaint garden to visit by yourself, with good friends or with that special someone in your life.

No matter who you are or what you enjoy, UCLA has something to offer. It is the solution to the famous college cash flow problem. Of course, there is something you must bring along with you, a good attitude and the willingness to have some fun.

Another View of Award Shows

The most exciting season in entertainment has begun. Stars gather to celebrate the year's finest talents. However, the festive mood is soured by bickering. The Biggest Babies Award goes to the Grammys and the American Music Awards (AMAs) for their continual rivalry.

The AMAs were created by ABC seven years ago as a rebuttal to the Grammy's decision to change networks. The Grammy coordinators were angered by this and so they banned AMA performers from performing at the Grammys. Few exceptions are made. However, they fail to see that the two award shows are distinctly different and, being that they are months apart, do not steal viewers from one another. They merely add to the prestige of nominated artists.

True, it is good that lesser known artists are given the opportunity to perform at the AMAs as the more well known artists save their talent for the Grammys, but shouldn't the viewers be allowed to see the best perform as well as win? The awards shows need to stop their petty rivalry and should focus on what gets them the viewer, the actual show!

The AMAs this year was ruined by bad cinematography and horrible camera angles. More time and money should have been spent on good equipment, instead of on finding artists willing to forfeit their chance at a Grammy performance.

Artists with a lot of energy who move around too much or who had sophisticated dance routines looked terrible on screen. In person, their performances were superb, but outdated equipment caused the performance to look rough and ugly as the picture faded in and out, flashing between black and white and losing the all energy displayed.

Two groups that were particularly energetic and likewise cheated out of a good-looking performance were Third Eye Blind and the Backstreet Boys. Both groups were highly energetic, jumping around and moving too much.

The Grammys, on the other hand, did great in the cinematography department, but lacked in the names category.

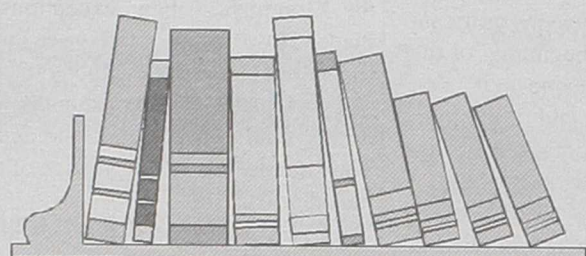
They misidentified a few artists. For example, in the pre-show, CBS announced musicians to be present and showed clips of their songs. For the Backstreet Boys, they played a clip of a song sung by a rival band, N'Sync. Not only is this insulting to both groups (inferring they're too insignificant to get their names right), but it's an insult to the viewer, assumed to be ignorant enough to believe it!

Another great Grammy moment is when they showed a picture of the "Goo Goo Dolls." As you can guess, it was not the Goo Goo Dolls. The Barenaked Ladies' were forgotten when the nominees were announced in their category. Brandy and Monica's names were announced as presenters Will Smith and Jada Pinckett Smith came out.

How can such respectable award ceremonies make so many errors? The award shows need to get organized to avoid such mistakes. They are insulting to the viewer and the artists. Hopefully, some changes will be made to improve as we head into the new millennium.

All Entertainment articles by
JOAN FLETCHER, Entertainment Reporter. All photos courtesy of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Ask Athena About... Research at the UCLA Libraries



Dear Athena,

I need to go to UCLA to do some research for a major paper, and I've never been there before. I have no idea where to go on the campus or how to search for information. What do I do, Athena?

*Sincerely,
U.C., I don't see*

Dear U.C., I don't see,

Don't worry, you will soon see how easy and manageable research can be when you know the methods. Both our Mount libraries and U.C. libraries are great sources of information. In fact, you will actually want to begin your search in our libraries, even if your final destination is UCLA.

"Do it here first in the comfort of home," says Claudia Reed, the Mount's Director of Libraries. In other words, you can use the Mount's special computer access to the UCLA library system, known as ORION, to search for sources. The computers with this access are located in the south end of the main floor of the Coe library. Once in the system, you can search by subject, author or title. For specific commands, you can ask the librarians for assistance. Doing this here will save you the initial trip to UCLA, and once you have all the information on your sources, such as call numbers and locations, you can go directly to them once you are at UCLA. You won't have to spend most of your time on the computer at UCLA.

You can't check out materials from UCLA unless you have their library card, which costs \$80 for one year if you join the "Friends of the Library." Reed advises that it's better to spend your time there reading and then photocopying. You will need to buy a copy card to use their copy machines. But if you feel the need to check things out, the option is there. The limit is five items.

To get to UCLA, you can take the Mount shuttle. Go to Residence Life or Physical Plant for a schedule. There are runs in the afternoons and evenings every day of the week, except holidays.

There are several libraries at UCLA, including the Young Research Library (also known as URL), the College Library, as well as biomedical and art libraries. You can determine the location of your sources by your previous search on the ORION system. The Coe Library has a map of UCLA available for photocopying.

The two libraries you will most often use will likely be the URL and the College Library. The URL is where you can buy the "Friends of the Library" card. They also provide a lot of handouts to help you along. The information desk is located at the left of the main URL lobby. You can call the URL Circulation desk at (310) 825-4732. The College Library's main floor and information area are located on the second floor of the Powell building. The librarians there can help you with your questions, as well as provide lots of handouts. You can call the College library at (310) 825-1938.

In addition to UCLA, Mount students have reciprocal borrowing privileges with Loyola Marymount University. You can also take advantage of the Internet. The Mount libraries provide a packet of helpful Internet sources, websites, and search engines as well as how to use them. The librarians encourage students to ask them for help. The computers on the main floor of the Coe Library are reserved expressly for this research purpose.

When you go to UCLA, don't worry about the fact that it's a new and big campus. If you have your map, your sources from your ORION search, and the willingness to ask questions when you need to, you will do just fine. Besides, you will gain valuable knowledge and have an adventure.

If you have a conundrum, an argument, a debate, a grievance, or a predicament, Athena can satisfy your burning desire for knowledge.

Please submit questions to Box 52, The Oracle.

Restaurant Review: SCALLIONS DIM SUM CAFE

By ASILKI JONES AND
JASMINE MOHIUDDIN

Staff Reporters

Jasmine and I are fresh-persons at this fine institution on a mission to find alternative means of sustenance to our beloved, but not so fine, Chalon Cafe. As college students, our goal is to find all delectable, but affordable eateries within the shuttle range or walking distance from the shuttle stops.

On Wednesday, February 24, a small posse of four hungry gals, including ourselves, meandered into Westwood down Broxton, off Le Conte, in search of yummy food. We found a delightful Dim Sum Cafe called Scallions.

As appetizers we ordered Shrimp Rolls and Fried Wontons, that arrived in less than five minutes. No sooner than we had begun to devour the appetizers, than the Cashew Shrimp, Beef Rice, Sweet and Sour Shrimp, and Vegetable Lo Mien arrived, hot and steamy and heaped high on sizable platters.

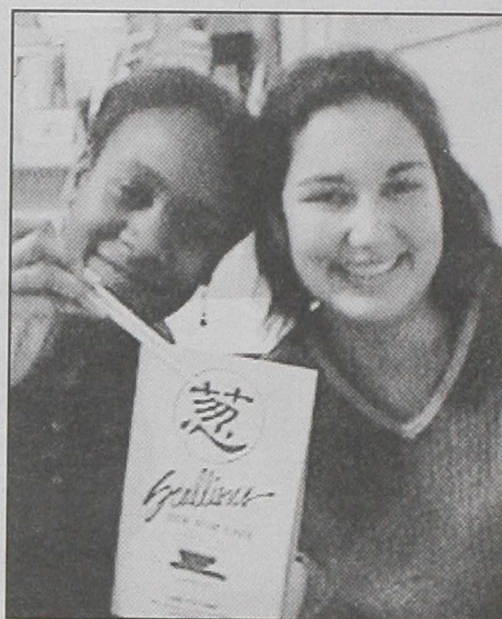
There was enough food to feed one huge appetite, one significant appetite and two small appetites, with ample leftovers. The voted favorite was the Cashew Shrimp, although some thought the sauce was a bit thick and salty. Second favorite was the Sweet and Sour Shrimp which were huge and not heavily battered in a superior sweet and sour sauce. The Beef Rice had enormous beef mini-steaks. The only complaint was the Vegetable Lo Mein that tasted as if they had replaced the vegeta-

bles with grease. Aside from that, everything was scrumptious.

The restaurant itself is small, but there was no wait, no large crowds, no elevator music in the background. There was a pleasant atmosphere, an attentive waiter, and a swift culinary expert. It was an open kitchen, where you could see your meal being prepared, quickly and efficiently. Everything was clean and airy, except for the bathroom, which could have used a thorough going over.

Overall, we were very pleased with the entire experience: the meal, service, and price. We enjoyed these delectables for exactly \$40, not bad between four people, including leftovers. Half the fun was sampling everyone else's dish, so bring friends.

We give Scallions a 4 out of 5, giving it a Yummy! on the happiness scale.



Asilki and Jasmine enjoy the eats at Scallions Dim Sum Cafe in Westwood. (Photo by Aimee Pasia)

HAPPINESS SCALE

1 = EWWW!
2 = EH.
3 = GOOD.
4 = YUMMY!
5 = SUPERIOR!!

The Observant Student

BY ANONYMOUS

So, Family Day was March 6 and I assume all went well. Parents and families came to see what life at the Mount is like for their offspring and one would think that parents would be interested in supporting the student organizations at their kid's college. However, because ASB didn't want parents to feel pressured to buy things, student groups weren't allowed to officially sell merchandise, be it something like t-shirts or tickets to *Godspell*, the musical being performed by the financially struggling Muses. Wouldn't one think that parents would be interested in supporting school groups? Of course there are other options for fundraising: Clubs, which are initially issued little money by ASB, can turn to relatively low-profit food sales and bazars at which the primary group of consumers is primarily poor college students.

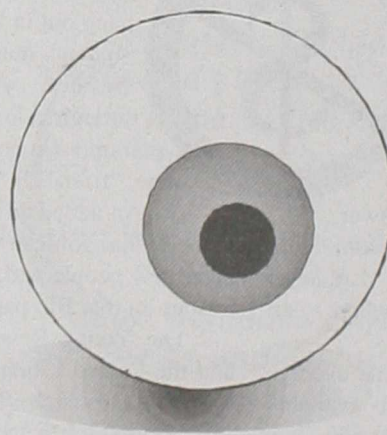
New security guards are around (although still not posted in the new guardshack) and

they're reportedly more diligent about signing visitors in. However, there's one particular guard stationed in the Circle during late weeknights who can be commonly spotted dozing with

pus dangers as our neighbor, UCLA. Wisely, he seems to have been moved to the day shift...

One final note: What did we all think of the fire drill that interrupted the gossip-fest that was the Lewinsky interview? Yes, we've got to make sure the school would function during a fire, which could happen during prime time Tve, but I don't think the drill proved that. And while the fire drill is great to test our preparedness, it doesn't mean we are prepared. Most couldn't find their floor leaders and I doubt anyone would seriously follow

the lengthy fire instructions of locking the door, putting on sturdy shoes, grabbing identification and keys, closing the blinds, closing the windows, etc... And what do we do once we're all corralled in the circle? It doesn't seem the school knows anymore than the students.



the lights low and the music soft. He's not really on alert either. The Observant Student and a friend stood outside the guardshack for quite sometime one evening, talking and commenting on the snoozing sentinel without disturbing his slumber. Granted (and thank heavens), the Mount's not subject to the same on-cam-

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**Have an Merry
Christmas,
Everyone!**

Monica Lewinsky Named Graduation Speaker

BY JOAN JETT
Copy Editor

Since the former graduation speaker, Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, proved to be too controversial, the Mount is pleased to announce its new choice. This young woman has experienced many hardships. Is it not true that every accomplished woman throughout the ages has had to overcome enormous challenges? Just as Joan of Arc was put out on trial to test her faith in God, Ms. Lewinsky was forced to testify against our own leader—President Bill Clinton.

Monica Lewinsky plans to speak about the changing roles of women facing the next millennium. Her emphasis will be on the many new opportunities open for women.

Lewinsky is clearly a role model for the graduating class of '99. For those of us wanting to go into politics or law, she has certainly paved an impressive path to follow. The Mount's Leadership Program should be pleased with her visit since she has shown ambitious, young women how to network—to make valuable connections for future careers. The Public Policy Club's trip to Washington, D.C.,

in May will be a great success because Monica will be able to share insider secrets with participating students.

Mount graduates seeking to hold internships or jobs in our nation's capital will be welcomed

with warmth, trust and respect. After all, who wouldn't want a capable, educated young woman contributing her intelligence and energy to a good cause—the welfare of the nation, no less?

If the old boys' club ever

complains that women don't have what it takes to get the job done, well then each of us can confidently point out Monica Lewinsky as a shining example of integrity and dedication.

Lewinsky can even be called a Renaissance woman since she is so multi-talented. She has branched out from politics into literature and public speaking. Surely, her book will be added to the prestigious literary canon of women writers.

The most impressive attribute of Ms. Lewinsky is not all of her public achievements—though they are commendable—but her depth of character. Her commitment to truth and spiritual well-being is an inspiration for us all.

The media has finally focused on a woman of substance rather than on the bimbo du jour. She is a reminder to the Mount of the necessity to strengthen women's defenses through education, hone our skills through leadership training, and encourage enterprise and risk-taking through a supportive and active network of teachers and administrators. If Monica can do it, why can't we?



Let's hope these two factors never meet. The result could be messy and upsetting. But the environments are totally dissimilar, so it's unlikely. (Photos by IMSI)

Steven Spielberg and Ron Howard want You!

BY STACY Q
Staff Reporter

Ladies, I have some exciting news to report. Some think that nothing interesting goes on at the Doheny campus, but they are sadly mistaken. In about two weeks, a couple of very well-known actors will tape scenes for an upcoming movie. All Mount students are invited to participate. The directors are asking for as many students as possible.

I am sure that many of you are wondering who are the stars of this movie. I will discuss that a little later. The directors want all students to come out in their most outrageous costumes. This is not your typical movie. The directors of this film are Steven Spielberg and Ron Howard.

"I am looking forward to working with the students at the Mount," said Spielberg when I had lunch with him last week. (Aren't you jealous?) Spielberg also commented on working with Ron Howard, "I have never worked with Ron before, but I am positive that it will be a rewarding experience."

This is the perfect opportunity for all aspiring actors and actresses to experience the work and effort that is put into making a film. Those of you that have a knack for designing costumes, it's time to break out the sewing machines and begin creating.

The movie is titled *The*

Travelers, it's about two brothers that leave home for the first time and end up at an all girls school. The stars of the movie are Larenz Tate, Chris Tucker and Jim Carrey.

"I never thought that I would have the opportunity to work at a predominately all girl school. This will be an enjoyable experience," said Tate.

Aja Carpenter, a first year student, is elated, "I have been in love with Chris Tucker for years. He is my favorite actor. I will definitely be in my weirdest costume."

Not everyone shares Carpenter's concern. Sharon Burkowitz, a second year student, hates the idea of movie companies taping films at her school. "Why can't we go to school without all the interruptions of camera crews and obnoxious actors?" Burkowitz said. When she was asked who was her favorite actor was, she told me it was Jim Carrey. I guess we will see how upset Sharon is when Jim Carrey steps on the campus. I didn't mention it to her.

I hope that this information puts a smile on all of your faces. Remember to get out your most unique costumes and have fun. Scheduled filming dates are for May 9 to May 14. Whew, just in time for graduation.

Two Campuses, Eight Missions: Plan for the Great Missions Bridge

BY TAYLOR DAYNE
Staff Reporter

Long awaited plans to build a campus bridge that will extend 20 renovated basketball courts from the base of Chalon campus up into the sky over the great divide (the well-loved layer of Los Angeles's pollution), and down to the west side of the Doheny mansion have finally been accepted. The architectural drafts for the bridge were drawn by San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

The Los Angeles school board approved the plans only after intense debate. Debate focused around planning ordinances (and a rumored \$60.00 in bribes from special interest groups). Reportedly city officials are very excited about campus and neighborhood acclaim and publicity. The buzz around town is that for many, this bridge is "truly a dream come true."

An excited Willie Brown reports that he "sort of think[s]" that the 'Great Missions Bridge' will undoubtedly be larger and safer than any of Los Angeles county's military or amusement park bridges—ever.

Mount Physical Plant representatives are particularly proud of what they term "the safety factor." Apparently, newly hired Mount guards are already undergoing a rigorous daily "I.D. check-training" to prepare for the calculated annual influx of at least 25 hikers, nuns, tourists and student guests expected to trample the Great Missions Bridge walk. Physical Plant Director

Arrerh Oiluj reports that providing a safe and sound structure for the ultimate fulfillment of the permeating spiritual and intellectual goals of his campus society is truly his "only mission."

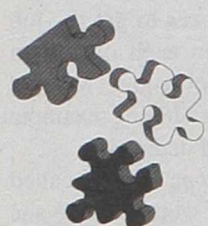
The Great Missions Bridge pledges the achievement of eight specific cooperative goals—termed as "campus, Catholic, city council, cleanliness, color, community, convent and culinary." The eight goals, are intended to motivate and give an unprecedented edge to the Mount's student body, are cleverly summarized in one catchy term: V-8 (with a little bit of "C").

Campus Controller, Leona Helmsley, reports that "movie producers, toll representatives and community hiking groups are already approaching [her] with offers to rent the bridge for special occasions, events and money making enterprises that will triple our campus income and pay for the cost of the bridge in but 206 years..."

The famous controller, known for her savvy business smarts, has vowed to adamantly protect "the rights of students to walk the bridge free, and anytime they wish—as long as they have a student I.D." She says that she is "considering the offers cautiously, very cautiously."

Critics propose that the bridge's obvious economic, motivational and spiritual success is perfectly prophesized by its estimated date of initiation: April 1, 1999.

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Pieces of the Puzzle : UP CLOSE WITH THE FRENCH CLUB

BY PRINCE

Layout Editor

Supposedly, Le Club French est une organization pour les etudiantes de Mount St. Mary's College. Toutes pensent nous sommes ici to share la culturelle French at la Mount. Mais non. Nous sommes une organi-

zation grande et forte, dedicated to la invasion d'America by les Canadiens-French. 80 percent des Canadiens habitent within 15-100 miles of the US/Canadian border, the longest undefended border dans le monde.

C'est parce que les Canadiens sont bitter parce que beaucoup des raisons.

1.) Les Etats Unis sont plus riche, plus prestigieuse, plus respecté (dependant upon qui est la source,) plus forte, etc...

2.) Ils sont tres mad parce que Celine Dion elle y vient.

3.) Ils sont plus raisons, mais ils sont top secret and too specialment pour vous.

Second Year Students to Spend Summer in the Bahamas

STACI Q

Staff Reporter

Doheny and Chalon second-year students, get ready for the vacation of a lifetime. The Mount has decided to send all second year students on an all expense paid trip to the Bahamas. Sources say that this is the first time in the Mount's history that not one student has to pay for a school sponsored trip. All students have to buy are clothes, sandals, and bathing suits.

The trip will take place during the summer of 1999. It seems like right around the corner. Students will be notified May 1 of all the details. The trip is supposed to take place July 6 and end on July 16. What more could a student ask for? What makes this trip even more unbelievable is the idea that each student has the option of bringing a guest. The guest would have to pay for only half of the trip.

Katherine Bates, a second year student, said, "I have always wanted to go to the Bahamas, but I never had the money. Maybe I will be able to go on my honeymoon." Little does she know, she

won't have to wait long.

Why would the school pay for such an expensive vacation? Insiders say that they want to reward their students for doing

assistant vice president for Student Affairs, explains it was the luck of the draw. "Four grades, one hat...the rest was fate," Wadsworth commented.

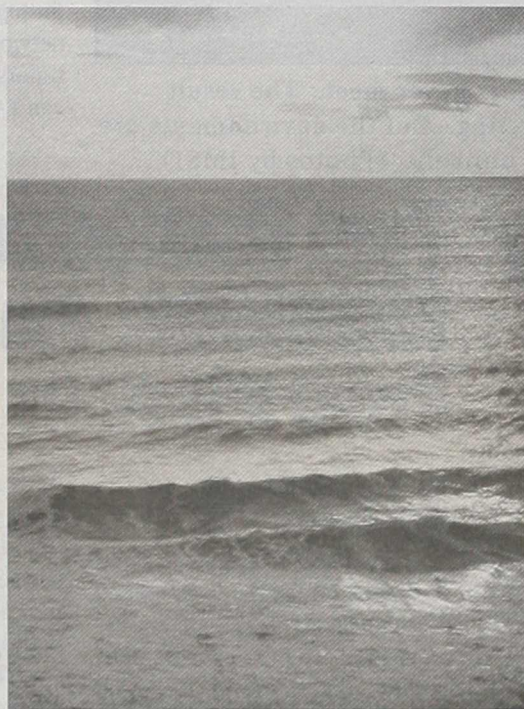
Wadsworth will be one of the trip's chaperones. We asked her some other questions, but she didn't hear them. She was surfing the net for good buys on suntan lotion.

Pam Oregon, assistant professor of Travel, said, "I applaud the school for doing something fun and exciting for the students. They work hard all year and this trip shows that they are appreciated." She feels that students are not appreciated as much as they should be. Oregon hopes that she can attend this trip as well.

Other non-first year students commented. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to print that kind of language.

Other second-year students wouldn't stop jumping up and down long enough for me to understand what they were saying.

All second year students pack your bags and get ready for a relaxing, enjoyable and unfair vacation. Have fun and be safe.



A shot of where the students will be lounging this summer. (photo by IMSI)

such a great job academically and socially. Others say that they have another agenda, but I guess we won't know until the trip has come and gone.

But, why only second year students? Dr. Mari Wadsworth,

Mount Bridge

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And now, the savory V-8 are:

1. Campus: The two campuses will be united with a center reinforcing the bond between sisterhood and nearby resources. The bridge will serve as a model for life.

2. Catholic: The Catholic campuses will intermittently display Swedish and Buddhist inspired religious stations and pagodas on the bridge which will be adorned with the 12 stations of Christ. Lilies, lotus flowers and incense from the Vatican will bless the beautiful effigy.

3. City Council: Predellas filled with portraits of city councils that have survived prosecution and who have significantly impacted society will also adorn the 108 lamp posts of the bridge—attesting to the shining light of our

gleaming efforts to make a difference in the world. Yvonne Brathwaite notwithstanding.

4. Cleanliness: Clotheslines extending from the side of alternate bridge arches will extend for laundry drying purposes on Monday through Wednesday from the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., a time when most campus laundry rooms are full.

5. Color: Each of the United Nations flags will adorn the middle lamp posts, waging the winds of pride, world unity and coalition.

6. Community: In the first three years, approximately 50 less cars will infuse our often hostile and congested neighborhood streets and highways because of the ambitious student and faculty and walkers, as well as exercisers who

ordinarily drive to the gym.

7. Convent: Sisters will be encouraged to walk and stroll while overlooking the city—often above the clouds, for periods of reflection, socializing and storytelling at the 12 stations.

8. Culinary: The bridge proposes to have food stations every one mile for snacks and light meals. Most of the recipes will be based on student suggestions from students who are rumored to report "helplessness and lack of efficacy" with the cafeteria staff.

Student support for the bridge can be best summed up by Lola Lee, a third-year student, who "invites everyone" to the protest staged for next Wednesday night at 3:00 a.m. right outside Sister Karen Kennelley's office.

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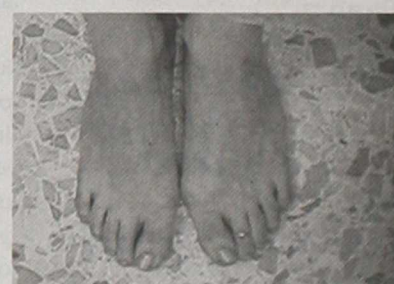
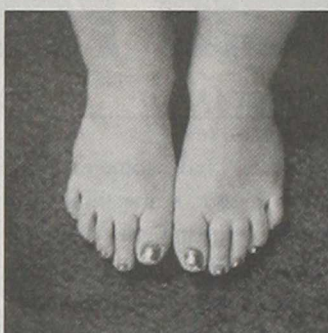
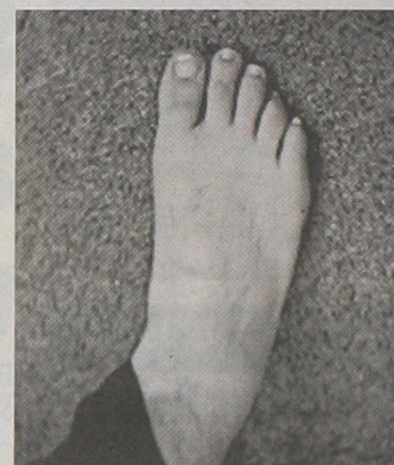
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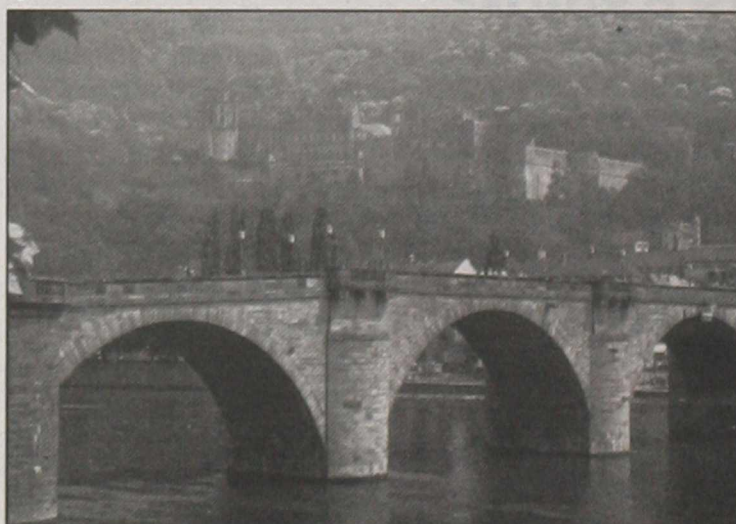
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A Tribute to Feet



(Photos by Prince)

A computer generated image of the much anticipated bridge (tranquil countryside not included in final plans.) (photo IMSI)



April 1, 1999

The Wet Part of Siena Day

BY DEBBIE GIBSON

Siena Day turned out great, (no, really it did.) Nobody in Administration panic. Our staff was there, and we had a good time. Though Cyndi Lauper did complain because she stayed for the whole show and missed English) especially because of the weather. It seemed that nature knew what we were expecting from it that it gave us what we wanted, rain.



A speaker feels the need to express her feelings of joy. (We don't remember who took the photo.)

The smell of wet grass just coordinated with the decorations and food that had been prepared for the event.

The splashes of the wheels and of everyone running toward Building 4, brought music to our ears and tune to our surrounding. "It was awesome," said third year student, Jessica Loud. "I've never felt so motivated by music."

It's a good thing we did not have to deal with the heat of the sun burning our face while at the same time trying to enjoy the delicious food.

Due to the rain, there was not much traffic so we were all able to get there on time and miss not a bit from the program. We were able to enjoy it to its full.

It would be nice if it rained at every Siena Day celebrations. Everybody would just be glad to come and be part of the fun. "Being the last Siena celebration of the millennium, it turned out wonderful. It couldn't have been better," said second year student Norma Gold.

Safety, Safety, Safety Ladies

BY DEBBIE GIBSON

We've had a couple of incidents occurring on the Chalon campus within the last couple of months. Some students have been complaining that the security on campus is too efficient and that nobody can come on campus. Hundreds of girls have complained because they haven't seen their boyfriends in weeks. Security is tight. Real tight. Still, there are others who aren't complaining. So, don't take our word for sure on that one.

The decision of moving the guard booth to the top near the structured parking lot was made at the end of December of last year. The booth was finally finished and it began operating before schedule on February 1. Many students were pessimistic about the whole commotion of moving the booth, but the results have been amazing.

It's incredible to see how our school's safety has increased and how now anybody who comes on campus is checked in. (This may or may not make my first paragraph seem irrelevant.) The visitor's name, license plate number, and the person being visited is entered in to some "high-tech" electronic device that was purchased for this purpose. When the visitor leaves, the information is recorded on the device so the next time this person comes, the process of obtaining the information will be faster and three or four cars aren't waiting...waiting...waiting.

Students feel safer and are able to walk around the campus at night without fearing that a psycho

might sneak out from behind the bushes. However, those dang coyotes are still a bother. And the deer. Coome oonnn, people. They are deranged. They charge right at you. Do deer get rabies? Can we get school sanctioned mace or something?

It is nice to see that the security guards have been performing their jobs to the maximum and are making sure that every student feels safe. They are even thinking of holding monthly meetings so students can have the opportunity of expressing their ideas and concerns and will not have to deal with any unsafe situation anymore. They want to make sure that they are meeting up to the school and student's safety standards.

However, *The Oracle* has heard there is rumbling among the students. Some students have demanded the security guards be given guns. Because, if something that serious does happen we're going to be screwed. Sorry, I meant we could be seriously put in danger. Plus, to keep themselves busy, guards could pop off those dang deer.

But, overall the students are satisfied with the process the school is using to hire responsible guards who know what they are doing. It would be nice to see more of these kind of people looking out for our student body and campus' safety. Maybe we could get some ex-Navy Seals or something. Or, better yet. A woman. Because as silly as it sounds, we are all depending on them to make sure that going jogging and walking at night will be safer than ever.

You Fill in the Blank...We're Sick of Writing these Stories. Don't you have an opinion? You do? Then write us a letter. We're trying to fill space here. We have lives too you know. Write, Layout, Stalk Security waiting for them to fall asleep again so we can take a picture this time, Write, Layout, Write, Layout...Will it never end?

Note to Self: Where Did I Put My Keys?

I'm writing because I have a serious problem. So serious it has sometimes kept me up at night. Kept me up, out in the cold, banging on my suitemate's window.

I've just lost my keys again. For me this is almost a daily occurrence. What is perhaps most amazing is that each and every time I lose them, panic rises in my chest and I think "Oh no, this is the time I've lost them for good!"

I've always lost my keys. Ever since I was nine or so and I was supposed to walk home with my house key. That's all I was given, one single key—that was supposed to be tied around my neck. But, day after day, my mom would pick me up at the neighbor's house because I had-

n't been able to get into ours.

My mom probably spent a small fortune in keys when I was younger. I know I have spent at least a few bucks on keys in the last three years.

The "normal" tips to avoid lost keys do not work for me. I find the idea of putting my keys in the same place day after day boring. (OK, so I'll admit to having tried that, but I can't seem to remember day-to-day where the spot was I picked the day before).

What about putting my keys around my neck? I've tried that too, and unfortunately having jingle jangle noises so close to my ears drives me crazy. I usually end up taking them off and...setting them down somewhere and walking off.

To me, it's amazing people

don't lose thier keys. As I was writing this I asked the rest of the staff their "technique" for not losing their keys. They sort of looked at me funny and said it wasn't really an issue for them. Well, good for them!

Someone the other day suggested that I get this new gadget called a "key clapper." I guess the way it works is that when you lose your keys, you clap and Voila! Beep, Beep, Beep. There they are. But, that all sounds sort of expensive, and I'm sure there is some component of the whole thing I could lose.

Does anyone have any advice? There have to be some GOOD ideas on how I can not lose my keys. Help Me.

Signed,
CYNDI LAUPER
Co-Editor

Let's Learn the Cool Way!

BY DEBBIE GIBSON

Co-Editor

Wouldn't it be nice to go to class on a hot day without having our backs stick to the chair? You may have already heard that beginning April 5, Physical Plant will begin installing air conditioning in every classroom.

Every student will be able to sit in a cool classroom without having to worry about tak-



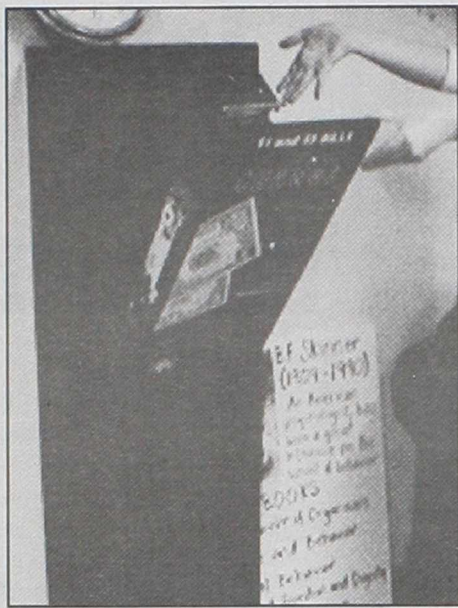
There's no more need for cool beer in the middle of the afternoon. Air conditioning has arrived. (Photo by Judy Lee)

ing the chair with them when class is over or of having sweat rolling down their face and mosquitoes zooming around their ears. In other words, they'll be able to concentrate.

Each air conditioning temperature will be controlled by an automatic switch that will be placed near the door, but which students will not need to touch because the switch will go on and off as soon as the room gets cool, like in the Commuter Lounge.

If everything goes well with the conditioning in the classrooms, Physical Plant will begin installing them in Brady and Carondelet. Students will each have a switch in their room so they can control their room temperatures and theal-ways responsible Resident Assistant will be in charge of controlling the temperature in the hallways.

Students are happy because their voices have finally been heard and their concerns are being answered. Faculty are elated that students will stay awake in class after April. Although those who are graduating this year would have hoped to enjoy this kind of attention more, they are happy that those that follow will do so for them. Good Job Mount! We're so proud.



Da Dah Da Dah! Still not working...

DOES THIS COLOR REMIND YOU OF SOMETHING? LET'S SAY A PLACE WHERE YOU MIGHT FIND FOOD? COME ON PEOPLE, WHOSE DECISION WAS THAT? I THINK I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE WHEN I SAY HUM HA HUM HA HA HA HA HA HA (PAUSE) WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE WALLS ON A DAILY BASIS?...HUM HA HUM, SNIFF, SNIFF AAAAAHHHHH!



...exit to the Circle? Where the have rapidly spread from buildings are going to engulf you because trapped yourself. In case of fire the hill and don't look back. Take advice. Can you imagine how take a fire truck to get here?

Questions to Ponder...Don't Hurt Yourself

You've probably heard the expression, "They couldn't pay me enough to do that job." What job would that be for you?

If you had to describe your personality in terms of a farm animal, what would it be?

If your picture could be on the cover of any magazine in America, on what magazine would you want to be pictured, and what great accomplishment would put you there?

What task do you most often put off until tomorrow the you should do today?

What state in our union would you be least interested in visiting. (DON'T YOU DARE SAY MONTANA, UNDERSTAND?)

If you were asked to create the ultimate dessert, what would it be like?

If you could set or break any world record, what would it be?

Besides its intended purpose, what is the most creative way you can think of to use a paper clip?

If you could be any inanimate object for a day, what would it be?

If you could appear as a guest star on any television show, which show would you chose? (Come on, 'fess up you Jerry Springer fans)

If you were entered in a spelling bee, what word would you hope you would not have to spell?

If you could go back in time and live through any five-year period in history, what period would you choose?

from The Conversation Piece, by Lowrie and Nicholaus

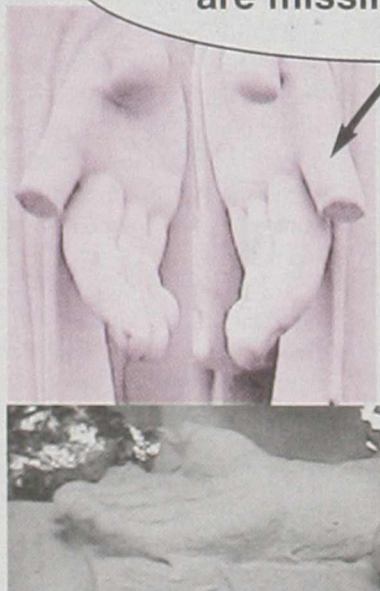


Look! I'm on money!

"(The task of humans) is to become conscious of the contents that press upwards from the unconscious...As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being."

-Jung

Guess what 2 statues (on Chalon) are missing fingers?



Submit your correct answers to the Oracle, Box 000 by March 31 at 5:00 p.m. and you can go on the Bahamas trip, even if you're not a second-Year student.

Art? Of course it is. Know where this odd looking statue is on campus? Submit your correct answers to Box 999 by April 1 at 4:00 a.m. and you win the privilege of being *The Oracle* "editor for a day!" That would be way better than the Bahamas.



And finally, for the trip to the Bahamas AND a chance to be "editor for a day," answer and submit the following questions directly to an *Oracle* staff member. Please do so no sooner than April 1, 2003. Hurry, I'm sure we'll get lots of entries.

- Who do you think Athena (of Ask Athena) really is?
- The *Oracle* has consistently been _____ of security.
 - Critical
 - Supportive
 - Ruthlessly Harsh
 - Afraid
 - All of the Above (Tough One, Huh?)
- How many times has *The Oracle's* Managing Editor changed in the last three years?
 - Never (Yeah, right)
 - Who cares. This is some pathetically inside joke only funny to you guys.
 - The *Oracle* has a Managing Editor?
 - You mean this isn't a new paper? There have been other issues?
- Would you characterize your view of *The Oracle* as:
 - A brilliant piece of journalism. It's so good I no longer read any other newspaper.
 - You think we do all the wrong kinds of stories, but are too lazy to get off your butt and write us a letter of complaint.
 - Probably if you paid the Editorial Staff better, or even if you paid them at all, they'd produce an even better paper.
 - Done after this issue.

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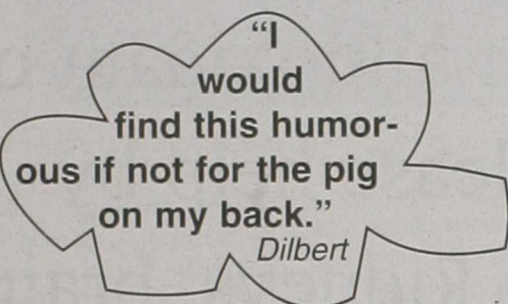


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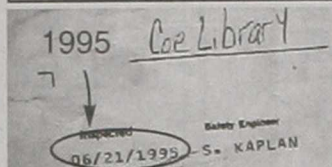
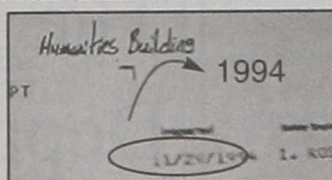
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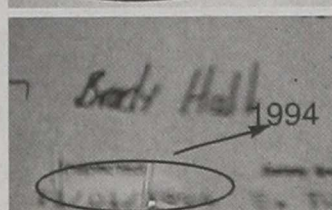
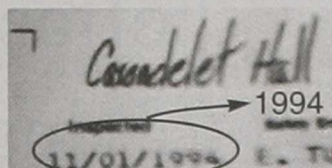
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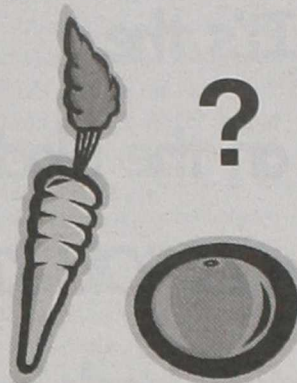
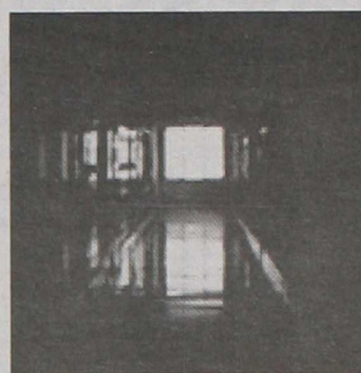


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PAGE COMPILED BY CYNDI LAUPER, Co-Editor

Lights out on 3rd
Floor Humanities
OR the "light at the
end of THE tunnel."



"Why is a car-
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an orange?"
Amboy Dukes

Completely Useless Statistics about Americans

(Are there any other kind?)

39.5 percent of women report they have been so
mad they've hurled shoes at a man. Duck!

More than 12 percent have turned their clothes inside out to avoid doing laundry.
Four percent admitted they've worn clothes long past due. Lck!

Almost 50 percent admit to giving a gift that's
been...hum, hum...recycled. Recycled as in it was
once *your* frame.

More than 27 percent admit to cheating on a test or quiz. I'm telling Mom.

More than half of all hotel guests admit to *stealing*
the towels. Of course no one at this College has
done that. But, its our job to report the news.

Women are more likely to squeeze the toothpaste tube in the middle. Go
Ladies!

Almost 40 percent of us peek in other people's
medicine cabinets. I would actually recommend it.

Seven out of 100 people admit to flossing their teeth with their hair. That
explains mint conditioner.

74.8 percent sing in the car, 48.4 percent sing in
the shower and 12.9 percent sing in the elevator.

The annual per capita rate for cavities has dropped to 0.6 percent. Could
flossing with hair have something to do with that?

Almost half of all women carry some sort of self-
defense device.

36 percent of men and 23 percent of women claim they snore. How about your
roommate?

How do you open your mail? 29 percent use let-
ter-openers, 31 percent rip them open along the
flap and 13 percent rip off one end.

from *Are You Normal*, By Bernice Kanner

Guess who's back in town?

Hint: Darny, Darnie, Joe, Jordan, and Jonathon. Still don't remember? It's the

New Kids on the Block!

(Presently known as "Old Kids on the Block.") They're back and sexier than ever. See them live at the Arrowhead Pond. Get your tickets at Ticket Master. Call 1-800-I-love-OKOTB.

Organs Wanted!

The Mount's Biology Department needs college students' organs for further research on the effects of antioxidant on aging. Please help by donating kidneys, brains, lungs, livers, and other undesired organs. Contact Dr. Jekyll at (310) 954-loony.

I Need Another Me

Wealthy student looking for "alternative final test taker." Must have experience in taking Symbolic Logic, Organic Chemistry, Criminal Law, Accounting Exams, Literary Theory and Criticism. I'll pay you top dollar for being me. call 1-800-won't tell if u won't

Part-time Daycare needed

Looking for individuals not afraid of 10 foot carnivorous, but friendly python. Job entails handling live rodents and fish, removing molted skin, soiled bedding, and strong muscles. Warning: not liable for any bodily damage incurred. Contact Gretchen at extension 4444.

BEANIE BABIES!

I'M GETTING RID OF THESE DARN BABIES—SPORTY SPICE, GINGER SPICE, BABY SPICE, SCARY SPICE, AND POSH SPICE NEED TO FIND LOVING HOMES. ONLY 5 CENTS (OBO) EACH! CALL K. STARR AT (202) 555-I WON.

April 1, 1999

The Animals Terrorize the World of Music

By THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK
Staff Reporters

The world of entertainment has taken an interesting turn. After years of rejection, the local band, the Animals, is finally finding support in mainstream pop culture. With a unique blend of pop sounds and their own unique style, the Animals have become the latest rage at parties across the nation.

Brentwood natives, the Animals are proud of their heritage. The members say it was odd to become part of mainstream. "I never expected to become such a major influence," says lead singer, Doggie One. "We never imagined people would actually accept us. We live in a dog-eat-dog world and didn't expect people to be any better."

The Animals is a unique group because its members live up to their name. Each of them grew up in the Santa Monica Mountains behind the Mount. They got together when the two coyotes of the group,

Doggie One and CoyoT, were rummaging through the trash near the Chalon Fitness Center.

Miss Deerie, their third member, had been passing by silently, watching for crazed Mount drivers tear around the corner. She says, "I've had so many close calls. I've gotta watch out for myself or I'll get hit!" As she passed the canines, CoyoT had the urge to howl.

Upon hearing the rich sound of his voice, Miss Deerie had to stop.

"We all just kinda looked at each other. I had always wanted to sing, but never thought I'd have the chance. Here sat the perfect opportunity. Well, we had a long talk that night and, the next morning we became a group."

The group is happy with their success, but they still have one thing they really want to do. "I've always wanted to go to Doheny," says CoyoT. "You

always hear about it; the whole two campuses, one mission thing. I always wanted to see what it was like over there, but I've never had the opportunity to go. With our new success, I think my wish will come true."

The Animals music consists of a unique blend of howls, deer foot tapping and growling. Doggie One's beautiful falsetto voice has brought him fame among the animal world and is now bringing them success in the world of pop music.

Doggie One summed up by crediting their success to the Mount. "Had it not been for all those residents getting up, watching us through their windows, we never would have had the confidence to go out into the real world. Though they never told us they liked our music, their mere presence was enough to encourage us. Besides, if they hadn't thrown their half-eaten food in that can, we would have never met."

Have an
Entertaining
April Fool's Day!



CARRIE 2: A MOVIE REVIEW

By DEBBIE GIBSON
Co-Editor

Carrie 2 made its way to the top this past weekend after making more than 9 million dollars throughout the United States.

Starring Harrison Ford and Winona Ryder, *Carrie 2* continues the story of what was left unfinished twenty years ago in *Carrie*.

Ford plays Robert White, Carrie's father in the first movie and now Ryder's father in the continuation. In *Carrie 2*, the audience learns the truth behind Carrie's mental powers, which have been passed on to Ryder who plays Amanda, Carrie's younger sister.

The film is filled with suspense from beginning to end and with a shocking ending that nobody expects. Everyone dies, except Carrie. Sorry, did I give something away? Anyway, the actors as

always, are able to fill their role to the maximum and make the audience feel like part of the action.

It is recommended that this movie not be seen by children under the age of thirteen due to the graphic violence it contains. But of course that is up parental discretion.

I do not regret paying five dollars for this movie because it was really worth it. I recommend anybody who enjoys horror movies to go see it. But just remember, don't go on your own.



Fun and Free: Interesting Things to Do at Chalon and Doheny

By NKOTB
Staff Reporters

Now that you've discovered all the wonders of UCLA, your friends want to try something new. They want some variety in their pathetically boring lives. You search for an answer, but none comes. Finally, you return to the source that helped you discover UCLA. Well, this week's secret hang-out...shhh...is within walking distance of the Mount and can provide hours of entertainment. First, let's have a look at Chalon and then Doheny.

Are you athletic? Then the stairs leading up from the parking garage are the place for you. They have the perfect angle to get you fit and toned up in no time. Many body builders and professional athletes have been seen working out on these very stairs. How do you think Arnold got so pumped up?

Who knows, maybe you'll even meet a famous personal trainer who wants to train you so bad that he'll pay you! It's worth a try, at least.

For the more social type, the loop can provide endless pleasure. Everyone knows we live in the friendly neighborhood of the rich and famous. Take advantage of this rare opportunity and go meet some of them! Make new friends.

The creative mind can find even more entertaining activities on the Chalon campus. Dance in the Circle. Blast music in the Lecture Hall right after quiet hours begin and see how long it takes for someone to complain. Upset ASB and make your own unofficial secret club. Make up stupid little secrets and swear your friends into secrecy in the name of friendship.

Go up to the fifth floor of the Humanities building at 3 a.m. and "learn" how to play the piano. Play hide-and-seek in the Circle. There are countless things to do at Chalon. Explore your options and start your own traditions.

Doheny, being in the middle of downtown L.A., has even more interesting things to do.

You can go out and meet the neighbors, the USC frat boys. Make friends with the Pledge Master and make up all kinds of



interesting things for the new pledges to do. They're too nice to those boys and they really need a nice woman like you to make up some mean activities to occupy their time. Besides, it may pay off in the end if you force them to do all your work and errands for you in the name of

their frat.

The key to hanging out at the Mount is to be creative. Look at all the wonderful things you can do with just a little bit of creativity. Take, for instance, the grassy plains at Doheny. This has endless possibilities.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like just to lie down in that beautiful grass and roll around like a child? Do it! What have you got to be afraid of? You know everyone else is dying to try it. Act natural and be yourself and you'll have the most fun. Roll around in that grass and play like there was no tomorrow.

Group activities can also be held on the lawns. Have a baseball game. Teach yourselves football.

Or, if you don't like organized sports, play something like freeze tag. Run around like a maniac and make your friends think you're crazy. This game is most fun if the person you designate to be it is not playing, but is merely passing by. Tell her she's it and run away quickly, but

make sure you turn in time to see the crazy looks she gives you. That will give you enough laughs to last the evening.

Play hide-and-go seek at night...without telling anyone. Hide behind a bush and jump out when someone comes walking by. Watch them scream and run, scared out of their skin. Most of the activities that can be done on one campus can be adapted to work on the other campus. Just use your creative intellect to apply it to your own situation.

Doheny has much to offer, especially to the fitness freaks. Not only can you run around the campus and play sports, but you can run up and down the stairs to Building 12.

Just for the fun of it, take the shuttle to the other campus. You can either just stay on the shuttle all day, to enjoy the ride, or you can get off and explore the possibilities of a different world. Whatever you do, keep that positive attitude and smile. See where that gets you.

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By NKOTB

Staff Reporters

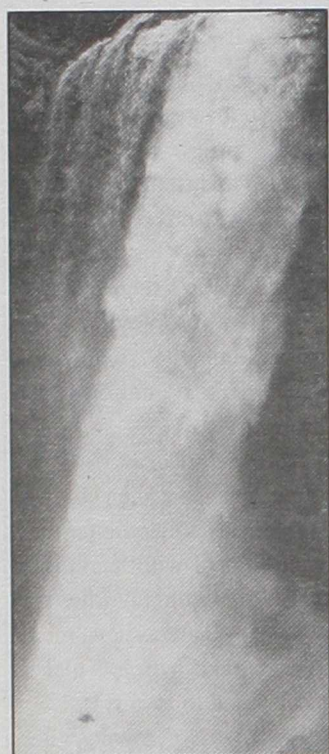
A new day, a new song, another page of lyrics to add to the list. Why do they allow new bands to keep popping up? Don't we have enough songs by now? Aren't there enough old bands to listen to? Why must we be constantly bombarded with hundreds of new bands and different songs each year?

Plus, we have to deal with the annoying new styles that keep coming out. Sure, they may sound better, but then we have to deal with learning a new form! All of our old favorites are starting to be phased out as new, more "hip" bands take their place. Whatever happened to loyalty!?

Sure, I get tired of a song after it's been played 10 times in the span of an hour, but there are enough songs out there to give some variety. That's the problem with having new songs. Everyone wants to hear the new stuff so they can get used to it and so they can learn the lyrics, but that results in the overplaying of the song. Then we get sick of it and must look for something new to fill our time. It's a vicious cycle.

But, if we ban new bands and new songs, we can recycle the old songs and bring more variety in our lives. Wouldn't that be the coolest? Just think, you could turn on your radio and hear one of the old songs from the 70s, followed by Will Smith and then Offspring. What a combo!

We could then do away with the annoying problem of new bands, new songs to hear and songs being overplayed by deejays trying to give the group some exposure. Our lives would be simple again and we'd be able to appreciate the music for its quality instead of its newness.



Ask Athena About... Toilet Paper Etiquette

Dear Athena,

Should I fold toilet tissue or wrap it around my hand? Oh, and should I put the roll so the paper comes from the bottom or over the top? I really need to know, 'cuz I have to go.

Sincerely,
T.P. or not T.P.

Dear T.P.,

Thank you for your good questions. These are issues that people have been dealing with throughout the ages. Even my old Greek friend Aristotle had a similar conundrum. You'd be surprised at how many "wise" people have asked me about this.

Oh, sorry, are you squeezing your legs together and jumping up and down? I'll get right to the business at hand. Heehee.

Much of this is based on your preference but I'll outline the advantages and disadvantages to each alternative.

Folding is neat and conscientious. It allows for a smoother touch. It also contributes to a general sense of order in your life. It may even increase your coordination and your creativity. Try folding your toilet paper in origami designs. A trip to the toilet will be a chance to express yourself in more ways than one.

However, folding takes more time. So, if you're in a rush, it's inconvenient. It also may not allow for as much surface-to-surface efficiency. You have to be sure there are enough layers to get the job done.

Now, wrapping tissue around your hand or wadding it up is quick and spontaneous. It may not be as smooth as you like, but you can compensate by buying the ultra-soft brands. You can vary the size of the wad, making it as big or small as you want. Besides, it's fun.

Wadding your toilet paper up may contribute to wastefulness. You just might get carried away, pulling more and more paper off the roll fascinated by the soft, white tissue. So please, exercise caution.

As far as the over or under debate, I must disclose my own preference, but I will try to be as objective as possible in describing the two. I like over. It's just the logical choice. Hello! I can't understand people who think under is better.

Oh, right, objectivity.

The advantages of over are as follows: the toilet paper is already in position to be released, without any need for adjusting or groping the roll. It doesn't hang down. It looks prettier.

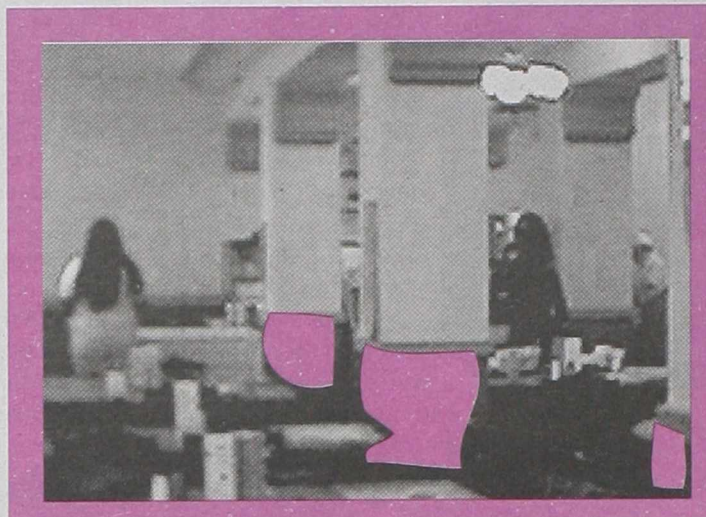
But, put the roll under if you like it that way. Really, whatever works for you.

So, as you can see, the options are open to you. Now, it is up to you to be brave. Whatever decision you make, make sure you don't hold it too long. It's bad for you.

Oh, and please flush if you use a community bathroom. It's just the right thing to do. Buy recycled toilet paper. Wash with soap and hot water (where available, not the Humanities bathrooms).

Hi, everyone. I was just reading *The Oracle* as I was sitting on my throne. Ahem. The next two issues coming out are the last ones of the semester, so be sure to submit your dire questions about life, summer, or why bananas are Americans' favorite fruit as well as the world-wide favorite scent.

POLL: What do you think of the Cafeteria's new paint job?



"It makes the food look good in comparison."

- Marilyn Kosinski
Third year student

"I'm so glad the Mount is spending money wisely. They really know where their priorities are."

- Lena Power
Fourth year student

"They really went with the subtle colors. It's so natural and down to earth."

- Christie Begee, Second year student

"My brain can't function at the moment. I'm temporarily blinded and disoriented. Is the room spinning?"

- Charity Bright, Second year student

"I'm so glad they've taken safety precautions. I won't be bumping into those columns anymore."

- Cher Silverstone
First year student



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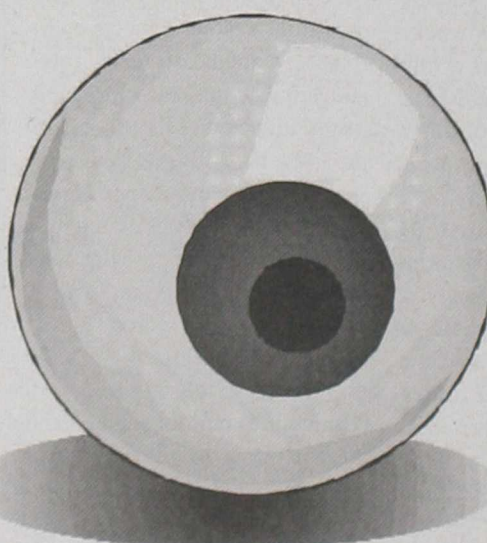
BY PRINCE

Layout Editor

I've had a sneaking suspicion all along. Since I first arrived at this institution (which I had assumed was a standard, secular institution,) I realized things weren't quite normal — something was different, something I couldn't quite put my finger on. Slowly, the pieces fell into place — Father O'Brien teaching classes, Sister Karen Kennelly as President of the College, the Mary Chapel, statues of saints, missionaries and cherubs that adorn the campuses, fish and pasta on Fridays, a convent on the school's campus for active and retired nuns, a mansion kept by nuns, "...one mission" (tell me that doesn't have a religious connotation!) and even the title itself — Mount St. Mary's College; there is definitely a common denominator. My sus-

picious led me to think the Mount could have a religious affiliation. I mean, you don't find such patterns on the campuses of state institutions. (That assumption is factually based as well. I called

and UC Irvine and all confirmed that such patterns were curiously absent on their campuses.) One evening, while walking towards the Circle, as I pondered the mysteries of life (such as why all this religious stuff was on our campus, darn it!), I glanced up at the statue of the Virgin Mary and realized they weren't innocent coincidences. Mount St. Mary's College is, in fact, a Catholic college. I felt compelled to back my suspicions up with hard facts, so I contacted campus admissions, who confirmed my suspicions that Mount St. Mary's College is, in fact a Catholic college.



friends at UC San Diego, Santa Monica City College, Reed College, Harvard, Cooper Union

The Observant Student has fulfilled her duties once again.

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ENJOY THE SUN!

Intramurals Return to the Mount

BY VARSANA STASZAK
Copy Editor

The Intramural Sports program began this semester at the Mount at the instigation of Claire Oshima, a first year student. The last time the Mount had a sports program was in the 1994-95 academic year. As of the present semester, a soccer and a softball team from the Mount play various teams in UCLA's intramural program. There are plans for volleyball, basketball, tennis, and indoor soccer teams, as well as other sports teams, for next fall semester.

Oshima contacted UCLA's Intramural Director last fall semester and told him the situation at the Mount. "I'm surprised no one else has made the initiative to do it before," Oshima said.

The UCLA Director contacted Andrea Willer, the Mount's Fitness Director since 1995. "UCLA has been wonderful, allowing us to access all their facilities and teams," Willer said.

The Mount administration has also been supportive of the new sports program. Dr. Jane Lingua, Vice President for Student Affairs, reallocated monies to sponsor the teams, paying for parking fees, registration, and uniforms. The program is fully funded through the school.

Dr. Mari Wadsworth, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, said, "I want to be sure I offer as much support as I can. The research is so strong on how intramurals add to student satisfaction and student retention."

Willer emphasizes the benefits of participating in sports. It improves self-esteem, increases self-confidence,

relieves stress, and encourages friendships. Sports also foster team spirit and school pride. Willer sees this intramural program as a "stepping stone to get back to athletics." Eventually, she would like to see a Club program in which the Mount would play universities outside the UCLA intramural program.

The final stage would be intercollegiate athletics, which is sponsored by the NCAA. In the meantime, Willer's dream is to get approval for a new athletics facility on campus.

Nicole Irizarry, a first year student, works in the Fitness Center and is the Intramural Coordinator. She is also the co-captain of the soccer team, along with Adrianna Salazar, a third year student who also works in the Fitness Center as the Office Manager. The two captains have 15 years of soccer experience between them. "I've gotten a lot

closer to Adrianna and Andrea. We're supportive of each other. We listen and help each other out," Irizarry said.

"There's a very cool dynamic in the soccer team. There are players with and without experience, but we're all excited about playing," Salazar said.

Jenny Hernandez, a fourth year student, is the co-captain of the softball team along with Tina Boteilho. Hernandez also plays on the soccer team. "In soccer, we have improved. We talk a lot more to each other and we're pretty solid in our positions. From the start, softball was pretty good. We scrimmaged a lot. Everybody talks to everyone else," Hernandez said.

The program is not without difficulties. Transportation has posed a problem. The school vans are used during the week, and are kept at Doheny during the weekends. Willer said it would be ideal if there was one van available for players and another

one for spectators at games. Salazar mentioned how tough it is to coordinate practices between all the students' schedules. Hernandez also heard that a lot of students didn't know about the intramural teams.

But, as Wadsworth said, "With anything new, there are bumps in the road, things you can't anticipate. We're trying to figure out a shuttle system to get to UCLA."

In the meantime, the Mount community is invited to cheer on the teams at their Sunday games. Soccer plays at 1 pm, followed by softball at 2 pm on the UCLA Intramural Fields.

Everyone involved is looking forward to next year, when the program will be bigger and more established. For the rest of this semester, the teams are hoping to make it to playoffs in early June, as they improve and have fun. Wadsworth said, "This program is working because of passionate people."



The Mount's intramural soccer team poses in front of the Mary Chapel. Photo credit to Andrea Willer.

Inspiring Sister Kathleen Kelly Leaves Mount

ALICIA RHYMES
Staff Writer

On April 15, 1999, I had the pleasure of interviewing a very important woman here at the Mount. She is the one and only Sister Kathleen Kelly, Vice President of the Doheny Campus. She has had a tremendous impact on the students and faculty at the Mount.

This is Sister Kathleen's last year at the Mount, where she has been vice president for seventeen years.

"I am sorry that she is leaving. She has had a great impact on the Doheny Campus" said Sister Carol Brong.

She continued, saying that she can remember when there were only 100 students at Doheny and now, with the help of Sister Kathleen, there are between 250 and 300.

"We are really going to miss her on the home front because of all she has done for the Mount, particularly at Doheny," says Sister James Marian Dyer.

"I have mixed feelings about Sister Kathleen Kelly's retirement. She responds to the needs



Sister Kathleen Kelly speaks at Graduation in 1996. She has been a source of inspiration for many students and will be missed next year. (Photo courtesy of the Athenian Yearbook, *Sojourn*, 1996.)

of society and the community. Sister Kathleen is an aspiring administrator and visionary for

the Mount."

As you can see, Sister Kathleen Kelly is a woman who has brought the Mount great achievements and pride.

Over the years, she has watched the Doheny Campus blossom from a bud into a beautiful flower. I had the chance to get up close and personal with Sister Kathleen. Here are the questions and responses:

Alicia: What are some of your most memorable experiences?

Sister: My most memorable experiences are the learning of various cultures and the development of students potential and the leadership through the program at the Doheny Campus.

Alicia: How has working at the Mount changed your life?

Sister: I have a Ph.D. in Japanese and Chinese history. By working at the Mount, I have been able to learn, in-depth, about various cultures. I have learned cultures' strengths, values, traditions and the ways in

which they communicate.

Alicia: What are you most proud of about the Doheny campus?

Sister: I am proud of two very special programs on the Doheny campus. They are the Alternative Access programs and the HOPE program. I am also proud of all the new construction that has taken place since I have been on this campus. I must say that I am very proud of the new library and residence halls.

Alicia: What are your plans after the Mount?

Sister: I am currently the Assistant Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. I am the liaison over all sponsored institutions and I am responsible for all education and ministries of the Sisters' finance.

Sister Kathleen Kelly, the Mount thanks you for your years of service. You will be missed by all. From all of the staff, students and faculty, thank you and best wishes in all of your future endeavors. We love you.

Stanford Professor Sues Clinton Over Kosovo

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

California representative Tom Campbell, who is also a Stanford Law Professor, has raised an old source of contention between a president and Congress—can a war continue without congressional approval? Campbell, a republican, says President Clinton must answer to the

Constitution, and he says that means asking Congress for permission to continue the bombing of Serbia.

Along with 16 Congressmen, Campbell filed a lawsuit against Clinton on April 30 to either force a declaration of war or stop the bombing.

The House gave Campbell standing for his lawsuit last month by rejecting, 427 to 2, a

resolution he had submitted to declare war. Had the House voted in favor of declaring war, his suit would be moot. "I hope that the federal judge declares that the president must get the approval from Congress for continuing," Campbell said.

Campbell is invoking the Vietnam-era War Powers Resolution, which says the president must get congressional approval to wage war if hostilities last more than 60 days. Bombing began March 24, so under that resolution, Clinton has until the end of May to continue. Although some agree that military force in Kosovo violates the Constitution, experts say it's not likely the president will be forced to withdraw U.S. troops.

"It's a continuing bone of contention between the president and Congress," regardless of political party, said Stanford Political Science Professor Morris Fiorina. "To some extent it's unlikely Campbell's actions will make a difference."

Fiorina added that Campbell is doing something positive in making Congress think about its responsibilities.

While the lawsuit may prompt Congress to think about the legality of the war, Fiorina

and others say it's unlikely the court will take the case.

Instead, he said, the court is more likely to let Congress and president deal with it. Campbell, on the other hand, called his prospects for winning "fairly good." He cited a similar case during the Gulf War in which then-representative Ron Dellums, a democrat from Oakland, filed a lawsuit against the Bush administration in 1990. The Supreme Court dropped the case because Congress hadn't yet voted on whether to approve the war.

"In the Vietnam War, courts usually denied lawsuits, saying congressmen did not have standing," Campbell said. But in the Dellums case, a federal judge said congressmen do have standing to sue the president, he added.

In addition, he said the president has had time to secure congressional approval. "The president didn't make his case to Congress," for the war and has maintained he does not need to.

Eileen Burgin, an associate professor of political science at the University of Vermont who specializes in congressional politics, thinks Campbell has no grounds for his suit. "Congress has a lot of means at its disposal to stop the president," she said.

Burgin cited cutting funding as one example of what Congress could do.

Instead, the House rejected Campbell's measure for immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops, 139 to 290. And the House Appropriations Committee approved a \$12.9-billion military spending bill, slightly more than double what Clinton had asked for.

Burgin said these numbers show there is no consensus in Congress to invoke the War Powers Resolution.

Previously, she said, "Campbell said the War Powers Resolution is bad. But now he likes it. It's a way to criticize a Democratic president."

Campbell's Web site shows he supported military action in the Gulf War under President Bush.

And while Congress has not used its powers to stop Clinton, Campbell believes the undeclared war in Kosovo is wrong because, he said, the Kosovans are worse off since NATO troops started bombing the area.

"I realize I can be wrong," Campbell said. "I just point to the record," that despite U.S. intervention, the plight of ethnic Albanians has worsened.

Teaching: Who, Why and How

BY JOAN FLETCHER
Staff Writer

As graduation nears, you look at your degree and wonder what you're going to do with it. Or, you've gone four years in this major and are now looking for a way out. Just when it seems you have no alternatives, you discover your passion for teaching. You've always toyed with the idea, but were never really serious about it. Now is your chance to explore that option. As you walk up to receive that Bio degree you never wanted, just think of all the interesting things you could do to teach high school students the wonders of science. If this excites you, teaching may be an option you want to explore.

The biggest problem with changing your mind at the end of your college career is that you are unable to take any of the Mount teaching classes. A teacher prep program like the one offered by the Mount Education Department is the best way to get a teaching credential, but there are alternatives. You can always come back and get a credential through the Graduate Program at Doheny. But, as long as you

have a Bachelor's Degree and meet a few minimum requirements (i.e. you don't have a criminal record), you may be qualified to get an emergency credential. These are offered only in times of dire need and can be obtained through the state Department of Education.

With a degree in a certain subject area (i.e. Bio), it is fairly easy to get an emergency credential. Teachers are in high demand these days. With the ever-declining state of our educational system, it is necessary to find educated, eager young people interested in teaching. Teachers are a vital part of our society because, without them, there would be no future. Children would not be able to study to become doctors or lawyers without a teacher to guide them. There are a few tests that are mandatory of all potential teachers. Some of these are the MSAT, the CBEST and the RICA.

The requirements change every year, so if you are interested in getting a teaching credential, it would be best to contact Sr. Mary Evelyn Flynn or Dr. Nancy Pine in the Education Department. They will help you on the path to your new career.

A Graduate Speaks

BY VARSANA STASZAK
Copy Editor

Things don't always go as you expect. I thought I would be planning for grad school in the fall, but I am now searching for a job. I also thought I would have already known where I was living (in a grad school apartment), but now I have to also look for a place to live. And, I need a car.

These unexpected things do make life exciting and I like the idea of being independent. In fact, I can't wait. But the waiting and preparation time can be stressful only because I don't know exactly what will happen, or more importantly how it will happen.

I'm on the brink of a major transition in my life. I want all my dreams to come true so I want to make good decisions and take intelligent risks. I want to go after my career fantasies but I also want to be secure. For one thing, I would like a decent-paying job with benefits. I have to be patient.

Fortunately, I have my family, friends, professors, and other professional and social contacts. They give me their advice and support and even their recom-

mendations.

I am extremely grateful for my background at the Mount, both inside and outside the classroom. I have encountered some of the most positive people here, and there are not just a few, but many. I have known some of my best friends here and I always want to keep in touch with them. For this reason, I am glad I will be staying in Los Angeles after graduation.

My English major friends and I often talk about how glad we are to be English majors. I have learned how to express myself well. I have learned how to be even more thoughtful. I have learned more and more how to accept different opinions and to believe in my own.

My French major is a wonderful complement to English because it broadens my contact with another way of thought and expression. It also makes me concretely aware of universal values and wisdom.

I will bring these people and ideas with me wherever I go. I never want to stop learning. My professors and fellow students have provided me with inspiration.

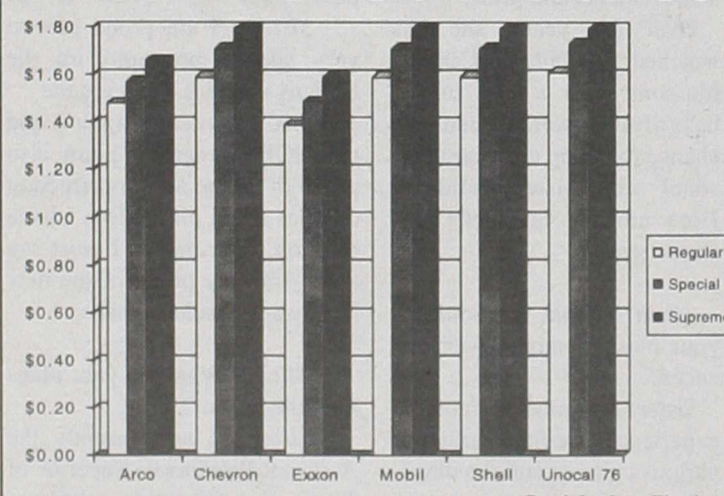
Having been involved in

many activities, I have known both stress and joy. College has been a great place to test my strengths, to share my talents while appreciating others', and to prioritize. It has been so rewarding to push my limits of expression with fellow students and have the community support us.

My college experience has not been perfect. But contact with negative people has provided good lessons. And those people are an example of how not to behave. Besides, I have plenty of good examples and I have faith in myself.

For all the students who will remain at the Mount, I say—take advantage of everything the Mount has to offer, from your classes and professors to clubs to the student services. Be committed to learning and improving yourself as a student. Get involved in extracurricular activities—whether you play sports, write, perform, or volunteer. Prepare for the time after graduation. Find what moves you, what and whom you love. Always take care of yourself and appreciate the gifts around you. This time in college can be an inspiration and preparation for the rest of your life.

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May 11, 1999

From the Editors

It was a pleasure for me to be part of The Oracle for my last two years at the Mount. I will miss The Oracle staff very much and I will always remember our nightly meetings when we gather to talk about the newspaper, but at times we would end up sharing our lives.

Being part of The Oracle was a great experience first as a staff writer, then as assistant editor and finally as co-editor. I not only learned what it is like to work in a newspaper, but as a group.

I want to thank Summer for her patience and dedication and although she will not continue with The Oracle staff next semester, I hope the paper continues to improve in every way possible.

I hope the Mount community becomes more involved with the paper and begins to submit letters to the editor, story ideas or suggestions. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Although I can no longer continue being part of The Oracle, I am interested in pursuing print journalism as a profession and the experience I gained here will definitely help me a step further in what I intend to do.

I wish The Oracle staff much luck and cheers for the years to come. Hopefully, more students will decide to become involved with the paper so the meetings can be held in the Lecture Hall because of its many members.

I will always remember layout!
Veronica Aguilera
Class of '01

For my past three years at the Mount I have been involved with The Oracle. It has been a sometimes stressful, yet rewarding experience. In this time I have done my best to give what I could to the Mount, my voice and through my voice the voice of our community. Whether the issue was exciting or controversial, I always wrote and edited with the goal in mind of not only informing but improving or unifying. This issue of The Oracle will be my last as a staff member. I would like to thank my dedicated staff and tell them how wonderful each of them are. To the seniors...Veronica, ever present, always on time and always on schedule...I don't imagine there will ever be anyone whose writing was both so prolific and prompt at the same time. Without you we would have fell apart, I'm sure of it. Varsana, also prolific (but not so prompt) thank you for your wonderful copy editing skills and your ability to point out those little details that MUST be changed at the last moment. You kept us busy! I know you will both be terrific at whatever you decide to do. To Marla, thanks for being not only my editor (years ago) but our advisor this year. I would like to Dr. Wadsworth and Dr. Lingua for their support and for most of all supporting our right to free speech! I would like to wish Joan, The Oracle's next editor, lots of good luck next semester. Remember always your job is not to please, but to change, to inform. Thanks to the readers and I hope you all continue to read and support The Oracle. Remember the paper is not possible without you.

Summer Cervantez
Class of '00

Changing Seasons

ON GRADUATION

BY SUMMER CERVANTEZ

This year for the first time in Mount history, the senior speaker is a man. Before I continue, let me point out I am NOT a graduating senior and that I am aware the senior speaker is elected by seniors. Yet, many of the seniors I've spoken to said they never even got the chance to vote. Others have complained the voting procedure is inconsistent, unclear and easy to manipulate. I say the procedure was inherently flawed if a speaker was chosen that isn't representative of the institution. Why wasn't there another run-off between the two candidates that were narrowed down from the four or five candidates available?

The question then becomes is *this* man representative of *this* institution? No. Let me remind everyone of the mission of this College, of our commitment to the education of women. Women. We at the Mount are primarily women. The majority of the women here are women of color. Many of us the first in our families to attend college. Many of us choose to attend the Mount because it is a college run largely by and for women. The male presence is found mostly in faculty and staff, and in the few majors that admit men. Our administration is a group of women. Campus club and organizational leadership is 99.9% women. Our leadership program has been called one of the best in the nation because it focuses on creating women leaders, preparing them for the world of education, business, and politics. Having a male speaker at graduation says to the graduating class and to the outside world that we are willing to educate women, we just aren't willing to let them speak.

I have friends who are graduating and it saddens me they will be represented and addressed about their awaiting futures, hopes and dreams by a man, who in our world, has already been given an advantage the rest of us were denied by our birth. I am not accusing this man of being anything less than he is. It may well be he is sympathetic and skilled in the lessons of feminism. It may be that he hasn't given a second thought about the significance of what it will mean as he looks across the Shrine Auditorium and sees his classmates and speaks to them of their future. I judge not his character. I judge ourselves. This community of women who will allow this man to speak for hundreds of other women. Why here? There are so many other institutions where men are allowed to represent women. Let the class of 1999 hear their own voice; let their speaker echo their own hearts on their last day as a student at the Mount; let the last memory they have be of a woman, a leader, standing before them having been prepared by her education to face whatever awaits her. The Class of 1999 deserves nothing less. We as an institution should demand nothing but. And we should not be afraid to say so.

Veronica's Vision

The Sober Side of Alcoholism

BY VERONICA AGUILERA

The idea of coming to school everyday is already hard enough for almost every student who has only that to worry about. It must be even harder for those students who have other issues to deal with, such as making sure their child has enough food for the day, having their work agenda in order, or worrying about finding their mother drunk when they get home from school. It sure must be tough.

I always think about how I want my children to grow up and what role model I want them to see in me. I wonder if the alcoholic mother ever wonders about what pathway their child will take if they see their mother drunk all the time. I wonder if they ever even stop to think about it. It sure must be tough.

Being a college student can sure become hard at times—there are so many deadlines to follow and just so much thinking to do. But it sure must seem harder if you have to worry about not wanting to get home. I bet anybody that the child of an alcoholic feels safer and more comfortable at school than at home. I thought everybody was supposed to feel secure at home. It sure must be tough.

Many homes and even lives are destroyed because of alcohol each year. Alcohol is everywhere and it is hard to stop people from using it. Alcohol is found in every cool party where all the cool guys and girls go to drink. It must be hard when alcohol is found in a member of your family or is the cause for the death of a loved one. It sure must be tough.

Look around you and ask anybody if they have not had an encounter with alcohol at one point in their lifetime, and I assure you that they will say they have. It must be hard for relatives of alcoholics to have to smile everyday, even though inside they are dying of pain. Anybody who has had to deal with an alcoholic relative or death should be commended, because it sure must be tough.

To the Editors...

Dear Editors,

I think we all pride ourselves on being observant. However, this message just reminded me of the need to pay more attention when driving.

Please pass along to female family members/friends:

I headed for home by myself at approximately 10 p.m. I was between exits when a car pulled into the right most lane beside me (I was in the center lane) and started matching speeds with me. After a minute, I tried to slow down so he would pass. He slowed, too. I regained my previous speed, and he sped up with me. Finally after a few minutes of this, he pulled slightly ahead of me, rolled down his window and motioned towards my tire as though something was wrong. The man had already begun to make me nervous by driving along side me for some distance on the mostly empty highway, and now my training took over. "This man is trying to get me off the road by himself here in the dark," I thought.

I know my car. I am very careful with maintenance, and I am an experienced driver. I know what a flat tire feels like. I knew my car was fine. I put on my turn signal and moved to the right-most lane behind the man anyway and slowed down slightly (there is always the chance that something could be wrong, better to be prepared). The other car pulled onto the shoulder and started slowing down. Now I knew he was definitely trying to get me to pull over. I passed him, he swerved back on the road and drove right behind me. At the next exit, there were two gas stations. They were well lit and there were a few people there. I exited, he followed. Not only this, but a car I had not previously noticed, that was in front of us suddenly

swerved off the exit when I put my turn signal on.

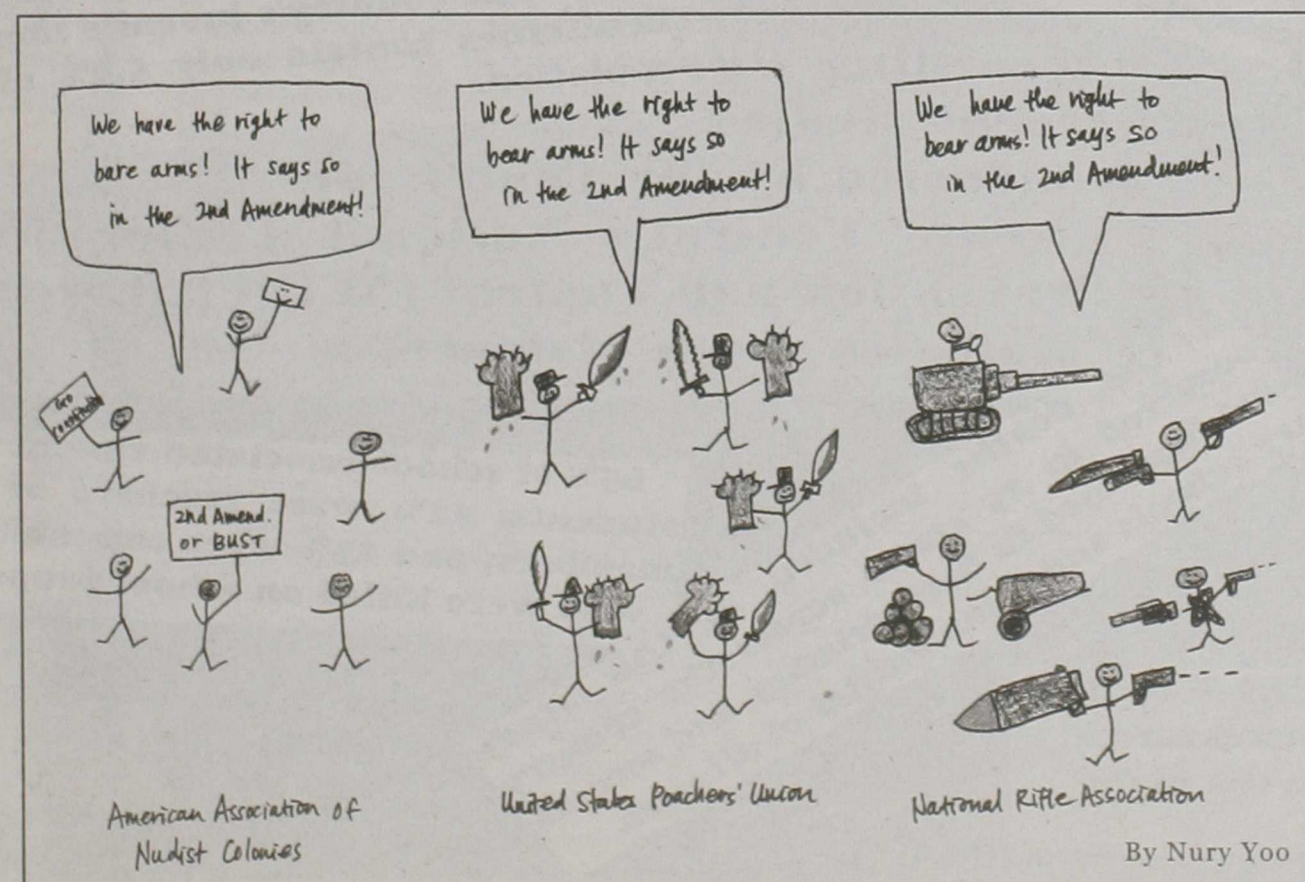
I know this scenario. I grew up in some pretty bad areas. I have had training in this. At this point, everything I had learned was in control. I decided not to stop anywhere. By now there was absolutely no doubt that my car was fine. When we approached the stop sign at the dark, empty intersection after the gas stations, the car ahead of me put on his left turn signal and stopped. I checked for traffic as I approached the intersection, then pulled around him to the right, and headed straight back for the highway. Both the car that had been ahead and the one that had been following me turned left across the highway and did not pursue further. I carefully checked my car in a safe place when I knew I was no longer being followed. It is in perfect condition.

This is a classic scenario for car jackers to use at night. I feel lucky that I was well prepared and didn't have to think too much about what to do.

1. Don't ever let yourself be caught between two cars. Car jackers often work in pairs, attempting to corner your vehicle.
2. Don't ever pull off the road at night by yourself in a dark, unpopulated place.
3. Carry a cell phone!
4. Stay calm. Don't try any tricks. If you are in an accident, you are vulnerable.
5. Remember that most criminals want easy victims...DON'T LET YOURSELF BECOME ONE!!!

Sincerely, Susan Hartsfield, Attorney at Law.

IN PICTURES



Editors' Note

The April 20th shooting in Columbine, Colorado has once again made us all aware of the growing violence among our youth. Because of that we felt it is was important to rerun part of our centerspread that we printed back in October. It is sad that such events not only began our school year, but they are ending it also. We hope this article creates more awareness for all of us—siblings, parents, friends, educators, mentors—that we must care for our youth and somehow, we must reach them.

Summer Cervantez and Veronica Aguilera
Co-Editors

Klebold and Harris Made our Pop-culture Their Reality

By TOM WELLINGTON

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(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H.—It has been a little less than three weeks since the massacre in Littleton, Colorado, and every talking head in America continues to search for reasons behind the actions of Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris. Many reasons have been suggested. It is psychologically crucial for people to find some reason for such a senseless tragedy. Even as I write this, many eagerly await the end of the parents' silence, hoping for details which might shed light on these actions.

Of all the targets for the outpouring of blame, two have received the lion's share of people's attention. Guns and the entertainment industry. The two are related in many ways. While it is difficult for anyone to understand why Klebold and Harris would commit such a treacherous act (especially so for over-40 news correspondents like Tom Brokaw), college students have two things in common with the shooters which may help us understand their actions better: most of us are close to Klebold's and Harris's age, and most students have played at least a few violent video games in their lives.

The entertainment industry has long received the lion's share of the blame for youth violence. Conservatives have attacked and called for censorship while liberals defend the first amendment and point to the fact that none of the many studies done on the subject conclusively links media violence with behavior. With the most recent event, the blame has been placed on movies like *The Matrix*, and *Basketball Diaries* and the popular video game *Doom*. In the recent past, pundits have pointed to other, similar targets including *Natural Born Killers*, *GoodFellas* and *Pulp Fiction*.

What most people do not understand is that there is a difference between linking exposure to media violence with specific acts and a more general issue of society's climate. The entertainment industry has created a culture of violence in America. People say we have always been violent and that this is a country founded on violence. Perhaps it has only been perpetuated by Hollywood, Burbank and Silicon Valley. Today's youths grow up constantly enthralled by the various facets of the industry. Many young males listen to gangsta rap, watch action movies and play violent video games. When kids are very young, G.I. Joe and violent comic books keep them busy. One cannot deny, that constant exposure to these media glorifies guns and teaches that violence is a solution.

Let's look at a few examples. In the movie *Lethal Weapon*, there is a constant contrast between supposed psycho Riggs (Gibson) and straight-and-narrow Murtaugh (Glover). At first, Riggs is painted as an ineffective lunatic, but as the film continues, Murtaugh gradually learns that Riggs's way is best. "Kill as many of them as you can," said Riggs. "The only thing you have to remember is not to miss."

"I know," responded family-man Murtaugh. Violence is always the ultimate solution in movies and television and while some may scoff, these media have created a fundamental shift of attitude in the majority of the children of our generation. Of course, this information is anecdotal, but it is obvious that our generation lacks the fundamental respect for human life that others seemed to have. Pacifism is non-existent. Our military is supported almost universally. Killing is unfortunate, but the situations under which it is deserved have multiplied dramatically in films and in the hearts and minds of America.

It is not hard to see how two alienated teenagers, who felt like they lived their lives more in the fantasy world of games than in reality, devalued life to the extent that death seemed to them like an appropriate

punishment for teasing. Films have a long tradition of vengeance, from *Dirty Harry* to *Payback*. If these are society's acceptable heroes, extreme vengeance becomes glamorized and normal to consumers of such entertainment.

Where the gun lobby and the entertainment industry collide is over the portrayal of the tool which made the Columbine shootings possible: the gun. Hollywood has had a long-standing love affair with the gun. Series' such as *Gunslinger* and *Have Gun Will Travel* in the 1950s glamorized the six-gun to an extent. In our lifetime, we have a preponderance of filmed gun-glamour, from the excessive weaponry of *Predator* and *Aliens* to the sniper in *Saving Private Ryan*.

How many posters have you seen with slick pistol poses? John Woo's *Face/Off* was an ode to guns, with its balletic gunplay and lingering shots on customized engraved weapons. The result is an obsession with guns.

Obviously there are exceptions, but the simple fact is that many people think guns are cool. Hollywood has managed to bestow an incredible degree of glamour on the two most dangerous products that Americans can buy cigarettes and guns. They are the hallmarks of an incalculable amount of film and rap heroes.

None of these factors excuse or even explain the actions of Klebold and Harris on April 20. No movie can tell us how a kid can go to prom on Friday and kill his classmates the following Tuesday.

One thing is for certain, though. These kids lived in a drab suburban world from which they were completely detached. They created their reality from our pop-culture. Their reaction may be the most damning indictment of all.

Many Factors to Blame for Columbine Shooting

By GREG HAMMOND

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Eric Harris (l) and Dylan Klebold (r) shot 13 of their classmates before shooting themselves on April 20th in Littleton, Colorado at Columbine High School.

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — While as serious as the one that took place in Littleton, Colorado, the shooting in Columbine is natural and necessary to look at. Nobody wants another of these violent events. Also natural, unfortunately, to fix the blame. As the old saying goes, however, "If everyone is to blame, no one is at fault." Some blame the parents, some blame the community, others blame the school, some blame the ill-defined social decay. But the truth is, they are all really to blame — they all are.

Those who run the schools face a difficult task. They must protect and guide young people who are the productive members of society. This is a task that is often a thankless one. Schools are diverse (not necessarily in the racial/ethnic sense) and must find ways to make sure they all get along.

people and must find ways to make sure they all get along. The crime perpetrated fell through the cracks, despite the fact that the parents, the school officials and even the police in the past, who might make about the school system, the fact of the matter is no one was paying attention.

This is even truer of the parents. By all accounts they are people and upstanding members of the community. Yet some chose to ignore the fact that their sons were fascinated with guns. It is hard to understand how they could have been ignorant of their minds. Yet they didn't do anything to stop the massacre.

Video games and computer culture in general are a problem when seeking to place blame in this incident. It's true that spending time on the Internet can be harmful to your health. Spending time playing *Doom* can't be good for you. And the Internet is also a place where glib and frightening ideologists to form a community and their delusions. But there have always been ideologists, parties that have promoted antisocial behavior. Computers are a use of them that's good or bad.

Guns are also a popular target. While it's true that guns are a way to kill a person, it's hard to argue with the fact that guns are far easier to kill. Like computers, guns are tools, but like any tool, they have the potential for dangerous misuse, guns should be carefully regulated.

Others see the Littleton tragedy as a sign of greater social ills tend to be of the nostalgia school—those who think that the world was more virtuous in the past. It is true that there is much about the world that seems to encourage violence. For example, did anyone remember President Clinton's call to teach children non-violence after the bombing of Serbia? Again, however, there is nothing new about violence. Humanity has always had an unfortunate tendency to violence, and there have always been cultural norms that have led to violence towards groups that are "different."

Ultimately, the problem comes down to one of human nature. If violence is considered acceptable, there will be killings. And if we recognize the humanity in others we are in danger of losing our despair.

* 28% of fatal injuries happened inside the school building; 36% occurred outdoors on school property; and 35% occurred off campus.

* Less than 1% of all homicides among school children (5-19 years of age) occur in or on the way to and from school. According to statistical data from Los Angeles, New York, and Detroit account for 30% of the country's juvenile homicides. These cities contain only 5.3% of the juvenile population.

According to recent studies conducted by the Center for Disease Control's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) these are statistics youth violence:

* The deaths included in this study occurred in 25 states across the country and happened in both primary and secondary schools and communities of all sizes.

* 65% of school-associated violent deaths were students; 11% were teachers or other school employees; and 23% were community members who were killed on school property.

* 85 % of perpetrators were male

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Focus
Blame inchildren killing children:
America's Violent
Youth

When faced with a tragedy like the one in Littleton, Colorado, it is easy to look for the cause. After all, these vicious attacks to occur. It is to the blame on one particular person, however "when many people are killed, some may blame the schools, the parents, video games, guns or anything else. In truth none of these things is a constant challenge: they are people so that they will become a part of society. This is a monumental task, one that schools bring together a group of people (in the social/ethnic sense) to do it. The two students who were killed in the shooting were not the fact that they'd had run-ins with each other. Whatever other critiques of the matter is that in this case,

they are nice, normal people. It is somehow they missed or were not aware of the danger. It is a tragedy of their sons' troubled lives. Computers are only a tool—it's the people who use them that are the problem. It's true that spending too much time on computers is a good way for many people to support each other in their lives, pastimes and communities. Computers are only a tool—it's the people who use them that are the problem. It's true that guns are hardly the only thing that having a gun makes it possible to do, but like any machine with a high level of regulation, they can be dangerous.

Such criticism of the social decay is a reflection of today's society that is not about to notice the irony in the fact that while he was ordering the gun, he was not new in these tendencies. The gun industry is solving its problems violently, glorifying violence, especially in the media. As long as violence is glorified, as long as we fail to take responsibility for falling victim to hatred and

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By VERONICA
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Youth violence in the past few years has become all too familiar. Random acts of violence at schools have been highly publicized in the news. Most of these crimes have perpetrated by males from middle class families in predominantly white, small towns in the Bible belt of America, rather than in the inner cities, as we have generally come to expect.

According to national statistics, juvenile crime is down 9.2 percent. It is difficult to pinpoint the cause of the recent eruption of teen shootings in America. Five examples provide some common denominators, but no absolute explanation.

May 25, 1997: After what started as a playful paper towel fight, seven-year old Sherrice Iverson is killed in a restroom at the Primadonna Hotel and Casino outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. Jeremy Strohmeier, 17, is videotaped chasing Iverson into the restroom, where he then strangled her and stuffed her lifeless body into a toilet. Strohmeier's friend, David Cash, also 17, witnessed Strohmeier strangling Iverson. Cash neither did anything to stop the murder nor did he report the murder.

October 1, 1997: In Pearl, Mississippi, 16 year old Luke Woodham stabs his mother and then takes a rifle to school. Once there he opens fire, killing his former girlfriend and another student. He wounds seven others. Grant Boyette, 18, said to have been head of the aloof, intellectual group Woodham and five other boys were a part of, is allegedly behind the events of the day, as well as a plot to kill his own father.

Both boys are from middle class families although Woodham's mother is known to have been extremely verbally abusive. Woodham claims, "I suffered all my life. No one ever truly loved me. No one has ever truly cared about me." Woodham and Boyette were also seen bludgeoning the Woodham family dog to death, prior to the incident.

December 1, 1997: Michael Carneal, 14, of West Paducah, Kentucky steps out from a crowd of students and fires on a student prayer group at Heath High School with a .22 caliber handgun, killing three and wounding five. He is later found to have brought three spare clips of ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns to school. Carneal reports having been previously teased by several members of the prayer group, including Ben Strong, a senior and leader of the prayer group, who also talked Carneal into surrendering after the shooting. Carneal warned Strong not to go to that particular prayer meeting, because he said, "something big's gonna happen." Carneal also wrote about being "weak" and "teased all his life" in past school essays. Again, Carneal comes from a middle class family with no obvious breakdowns.

April 24, 1998: A fire alarm sounds at Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Although there isn't a fire drill scheduled, no chances are taken and everyone exits onto the school's grounds. It is then that 11 and 13 year old cousins, Andrew Golden and Mitchell Johnson, open fire on their school. Four girls and one teacher are killed, ten are wounded—five critically.

The boys were spotted by a group of workmen on a rooftop adjacent to the school, and were quick-

ly apprehended. The boys were found with two handguns, two rifles and ammunition. The guns were stolen from family collections, and both boys were taught to shoot at early ages. One had prior disciplinary problems and spoke of having "some killing to do." There is no mention of a history of abuse.

April 24, 1998: Fourteen year old Andrew Wurst kills one teacher and wounds three other people at a school dance. Wurst frequently "kidded"



A mother of one of the victims in December 1, 1997 school shooting in Paducah, Kentucky mourns her loss. (Photo courtesy of U-Wire)

about killing people; he also showed his father's handgun to classmates and told them he was going to kill 9 people.

May 21, 1998: After killing both his parents, Kipland P. Kinkel, 15, brings a rifle to his Springfield, Oregon high school cafeteria and opens unceasing fire until he is pinned to the ground by three other students. One student lies dead, twenty two others are wounded. In addition to his rifle, Kinkel is found to have a pair of handguns with him that day. He has a history of brag-

ging about torturing animals, and threatening to blow up the school. The previous day, he was taken into custody for bringing a firearm to school. When police search his house, they find a cache of bombs, grenades and ammunition. His parents were well-liked high school Spanish teachers who were seeking advice for their son's behavioral problems.

All the boys in the preceding examples came

from predominantly white, middle class schools in small towns; there was no chronic inner-city violence or poverty to blame. There was no evidence of physical abuse in any of the boys' families. What could have prompted such violence? All grew up in environments where guns are promoted for hunting and "protection" and where guns are readily accessible. The many "cries for help" and obvious warning signs, such as threatening to kill or blow things up, went ignored or unreported. Many found themselves in positions where they felt they had no one to talk to. In addition, they were surrounded by the violence that is so prevalent in everyday American culture, found in the form of violent images on television and in the movies.

According to Helen Smith, a forensic psychologist from Knoxville, Tennessee, other symptoms and explanations include previous mental disorders, a history of cruelty to animals and/or siblings, and occasionally, low intelligence and a feeling that the only way to deal with frustration is through a climactic conclusion. It is usually something relatively harmless that pushes them over the edge. For whatever reason, traditional safeguards, such as families, churches, schools, child welfare authorities and courts are becoming less effective as preventative measures.

Jeff Sprague of the University of Oregon's Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior feels that the recent series of juvenile shootings is a string of copycat crimes, with each one giving inspiration to the next. Those at the highest risk for such outbursts are the least well tracked.

According to a survey conducted by John Firman, Director of Research for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, there are significant levels of teacher concerns and student fears from all over the country, not only in large cities.

John Blaser writes, "Generalizations about rural areas (other than small size of towns and low population density) end with one visit to a particular rural place."

Crime occurs all over the US, not only in inner cities. The term "rural America" is problematic in itself because each rural community in America is unique. Rural communities are perceived to be small, slow-paced towns free of violent crime and protected from gangs and drugs. According to researchers, rates of violence and substance abuse in rural communities is catching up to rates in urban areas, and in some instances have surpassed them. Yet the stereotypes still exist.

President Clinton places the most blame on the popular culture and media of America. He laments that ours is "...a changing culture that desensitizes our children to violence, where most teenagers have seen hundreds or even thousands of murders on T.V. and in movies before they graduate high school...and where all too often everyday conflicts are resolved not with words but with weapons...which are all too easy to get."

**"I dont care if I live
or die in the shootout,
all I want to do is kill
and injure as many of
you pricks as I can."**

**Eric Harris
Columbine Shooter**

By AMANDA PRINCE AND REGINA KING,
October 1998

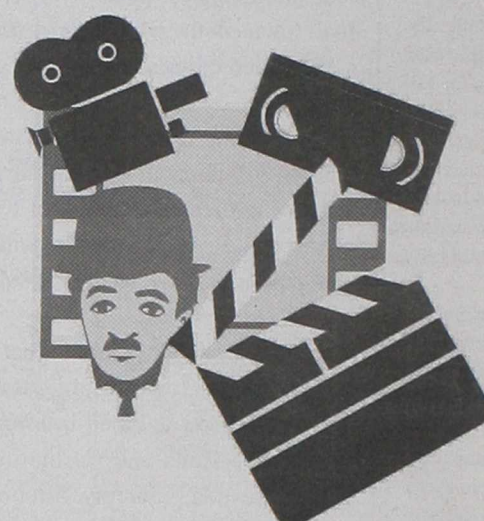


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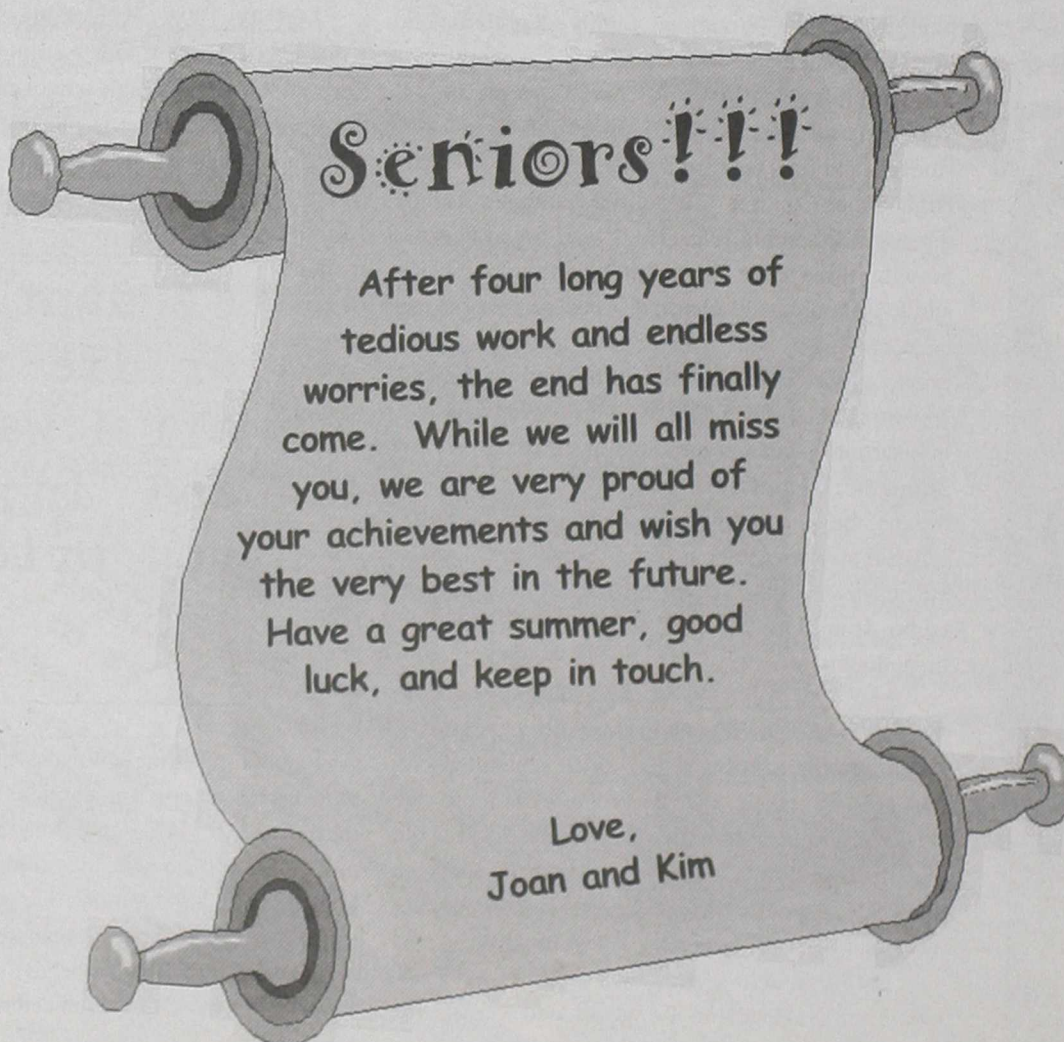
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May 11, 1999

Hollywood Legends Need Facelifts

BY SYLVIA PEREZ VALLEJO
Contributing Reporter

In a medical building somewhere in Hollywood, a woman pays thousands of dollars to have a tiny wrinkle in the corner of her mouth smoothed over. Cut to another medical office in Hollywood where a man pays two weeks worth of his income to have hair implants strategically placed in the balding area of his head.

All over Hollywood and Los Angeles, the make-believe capitals of our dear planet-plastic, surgeons offices are cluttered with people who for some reason or other don't like the way God intended them to look or are angered by Father Time and would like to diminish his effects on them.

How old would Hollywood look if people actually let themselves show their age? How ugly would it be? Strolling down Sunset Boulevard, all one sees is exceptionally beautiful people. There are men who seem as though sculpted from clay, strutting the boulevard with that natural glow of an indoor tan. The women, oddly enough, all have the same cute button nose, high cheek bones and voluptuous lips. Just once it would be nice to see a woman with the nose she came into this world with.

These men and women have forgotten one universal truth: we are all going to get old. A face can only suffer so many cuts and stitches before it gives way to permanent wrinkles. I am in favor of fixing something when it's broken, but there are other, more permanent objects that belong to Hollywood and its history that should be preserved for future generations. A hint: Not people.

The once famous restaurant, Perino's, on Wilshire Boulevard, has been closed for years. The building sits

on its foundation waiting for someone to reconstruct her dilapidated, art deco body from the wear and tear she has undergone over many years and give her back the beauty she once possessed. In her hey-day she was a place where many movie stars, producers and moguls came to dine. These days, instead of being the hub of the town, she sits alone, occasionally keeping company with vagabonds and drug addicts.

What about the Brown Derby restaurants? In the forties there were four: the original derby-shaped structure, The Brown Derby born in 1926, The Hollywood Brown Derby born in 1929, The Beverly Hills Brown Derby born in 1931 and the Los Feliz Brown Derby born in 1941.

The only Brown Derby that has reached her golden years is the Los Feliz Brown Derby which still stands at the corner of Los Feliz and Hillhurst. One by one, the other three Derby's were laid to rest. One can't help to think that if these buildings had undergone some extensive reconstructive surgery they might still be with us.

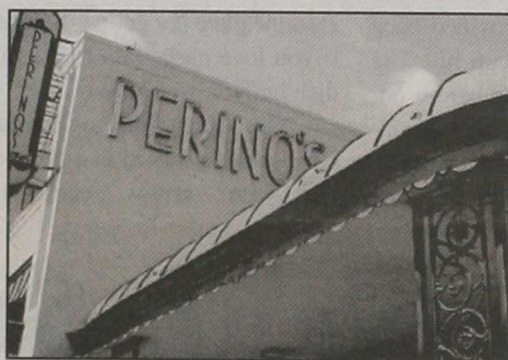


Photo by Sylvia Perez Vallejo

Imagine sitting in the same booth where once sat Clark Gable, George Burns, Gracie Allen, Dorothy Lamour, Rita Hayworth, Mary Pickford, Vivien Leigh and countless other legends of screen and television. Or dining at the

table where Lucille Ball accidentally caused a Derby waiter to spill a plate-load of spaghetti onto William Holden, in one of her *I Love Lucy* episodes. Imagine is all we can do. A jewel in the treasure chest of Hollywood memories lost forever.

And Chasen's? Only one more historically-rich restaurant who closed its doors a few of years ago. You can now buy their famous chili at Costco warehouses in the frozen food section, but somehow it doesn't seem the same as ordering the chili while sitting at a table in the restaurant. Well, at least the back door to Chasen's is open a couple hours a day to sell the chili.

It is a true that restaurants come and go just as people do, but maybe we should try harder to keep the ones that make Hollywood, Hollywood.

People in egotistical Los Angeles need to realize that money is better spent of our city's history rather than on putting off the inevitable act of growing old. Unfortunately, some people with money don't see the value in turning old Hollywood hot spots into museums, or opening up their doors and reintroducing the structures as they had been in their golden age.

There is a strong movement of Gen-Xers who love swing music that would flock to any place that can radiate the ambience of the thirties and forties, like Perino's or Chasen's. However, the demolishing and abandonment of these historical building's continue. They are forgotten and discarded like an old actress.

Fortunately, Musso and Franks Grill, who recently celebrated their 80th anniversary and The Formosa Cafe are still with us, but for how long? We as citizens of Los Angeles and caretakers of Hollywood must make sure that they are here to stay for the enjoyment of future generations. Otherwise, Hollywood won't be far from becoming the most historically lost city on earth.

Another View of Morning Radio

BY JOAN FLETCHER
Staff Reporter

"7:29." The red numbers on the alarm clock glare at you, penetrating deep into your soul, ordering you to get up. You close your eyes wearily, knowing the alarm will go off any second now. But, it shouldn't be that bad. You did switch it to the radio last night so you could hear soothing music rather than that awful beeping. No sooner do you fall back into a peaceful slumber when the radio turns on, screaming at you. Instead of soothing music, there is the disruptive voice of some deejay who finds it more interesting to talk in the mornings than play music. Disgusted, you get up and turn it off, abruptly starting another day in a melancholy mood.

You can't escape it. Early morning radio shows are on every channel. No matter how hard you search, there is no music. That is rather ironic, considering that the very stations that call themselves "music radio stations" are full nonsensical chatter. There are already certain stations designated for talk. We don't need deejays trying to make a chat hour out of our morning commute.

It's not like the morning commute isn't bad enough with the traffic, but the deejays completely ruin it with their talking. This may be where road rage was born. Heading down the freeway, stuck in heavy LA traffic, commuters reach for the one thing that can save their last bit of sanity, the radio. Unfortunately, the comforting music they seek is nowhere to be found, causing anger and frustration, vaporizing that last bit of sanity.

If commuters want to remain mentally healthy, they must install costly CD and cassette players in their cars. This seems to be the only escape from the gabby morning deejays.

Every channel is full of the nonsense. Rick Dees monopolizes 102.7 KIIS FM, no music there. Jamie, Frosty and Frank have taken over Star 98.7 (KSTR) as Lance Ballance hosts KBIG 104. Long-time radio personalities Mark and Brian have ruled the the mornings at 95.5 KLOS for years, but at least they play some music between their nonsensical comedy routines. KROQ, KPWR, KOST...does anyone play music anymore?

It wouldn't be that bad if they actually had something to talk about, but they use the same, tired dribble each show. They waste our time with dirty jokes and pointless stories. It's all too predictable, not to mention boring. As you flip around the channels, you hear Dees talking about sex again, Jamie, Frosty and Frank about gays, and Mark and Brian about any bizarre topic that has just crossed their minds. Is there no relief?

If these deejays find their conversation so important, why don't they join a Talk Radio show? Plenty of talk radio stations are looking for talented radio personalities who are able to carry a conversation. Okay, so maybe there is a slight problem here. They would need to have some idea of what they're talking about to work for talk radio. Their brains might overload if they're actually forced to think of original, interesting topics that people will actually care about instead of just reverting back to dirty jokes or news of celebrity sightings. They could try comedy clubs, but would probably get thrown out. They should just choose a new career path because they aren't prepared for the one they're heading down.

Why is it that radio stations can't seem to grasp the concept that *music* is meant to be played over the airwaves? We don't listen to a music station to hear a deejay talking about utter nonsense. There is no reason to bombard us with silly news or hair-brained conversations about the President's newest hobby. At 7:30 in the morning, all we want to do is drearily get ready for our long day of work. We don't want to listen to the nonsense of morning radio. We prefer to hear soothing music to help us start our day right. Why is it we can never get what we want?

Fun and Free: Things to do in Santa Monica

BY JOAN FLETCHER
Staff Reporter

Sweltering 98-degree weather has sent you and your friends in search of a cool way to spend your final weekend at the Mount. Searching for relief, you discover STOPTrans Loop Two, which runs between the Chalon campus and Santa Monica.

The van drops you off at Third Street Promenade. If you like to meet new people, window shop or just hang out, this is the place to be. The Promenade is an open pedestrian mall full with young people looking for fun and street entertainers whose acts range from the mechanical man to the balloon man to a harmonizing group who aspire to be the next Boyz II Men. The Promenade has a lot to offer, especially if you have a few hours of free time.

Just east of the Promenade lies the Santa Monica Public Library. Full of everything you'll need for those last minute papers, the library is on 7th and Santa Monica Boulevard. To the South, on Colorado at 5th street is the Angels Attic Museum. This small museum is home to more than 60 antique doll houses which contain dolls from around the world. Admission is free and guided tours are offered with a tea for a minimal fee.

Heading west down Colorado, you see a giant ferris wheel towering in the sky. You are nearing the Santa Monica Pier. The Pier offers everything from a romantic get-

away to a quiet place to fish and a day of family fun at Pacific Pier, the small amusement park located on the South side of the Pier. Pacific Pier features 12 rides, including an action ride theater, the Santa Monica West coaster, a 9-story high ferris wheel with a spectacular view of the ocean, arcades, roller coasters, gift shops and a carousel built over 70 years ago. The Pier is also home to street vendors who sell everything from star maps to Polaroids of you and your favorite star, provided they have a cardboard profile of the star. The Pier is the ultimate tourist experience and is often host to events like Earth Day.



Directly below the Pier is the sand and surf you have always associated with the beach. The beach features playgrounds, gymnastic equipment, volleyball courts and bike trails. It attracts board and body surfers, swimmers and plenty of people who just like to hang out. The attitude is casual and the only requirement is that you are ready to have a good time.

Heading back to the STOPTrans pick-up spot, you pass the Camera Obscura on Ocean Boulevard. The Camera Obscura provides an amazing view of the beach via a lens which reflects the image of the beach onto a small table in the middle of the room.

Satisfied with a full day of fun under the hot California sun, you head back to campus. Have fun and remember, you can have fun for free as long as you look for opportunities and keep that positive attitude.

Correction from the March 10, 1999 issue:
The American Music Awards were created by ABC 26 years ago, not seven.

Ask Athena About . . . Sun Protection

Dear Athena,

Can you give me some tips on how to keep my skin and hair healthy in the summer sun?

Sincerely,
S.P.F.

Dear S.P.F.,

Before I tell you about all the different ways to protect yourself from the harsh effects of the sun, you must know that your skin can be damaged in any kind of weather. UV rays cause burns, wrinkles, and skin cancer.

Even in overcast weather, the sun's UV rays come through the clouds and reach your skin. You can also acquire damage in only 15 minutes. This means you should wear sunscreen year-round and all-day. Don't be fooled by the supposed protection a car can give you. The sun's rays come right through the windows.

Hats and sunglasses are great protection. The wider the brim of your hat, the better. Your eyes can be harmed by the sun, and aesthetically-speaking, if you're squinting, then you're developing wrinkles. Wear sunglasses with UV protection.

Remember to put sunscreen on your ears. They are particularly prone to skin cancer because they are so exposed and are usually forgotten. Your skin is also more sensitive if you are using products like Retin-A. Cover all exposed areas 30 minutes before sun exposure so the sunscreen can be fully absorbed and therefore be fully effective.

You still need a sunscreen even if you will be under an umbrella or awning because the sun's rays are reflected from the sand or ground's surface.

There are many kinds of sunscreens made to fit your needs. If you exercise, you can buy sweat-proof and rub-proof varieties. If you will be in the water, use a waterproof brand, and reapply it after swimming. There are also ones made for dry and oily skin types. Then there are chemical-based and mineral-based varieties. Some sensitive skin-types do better with the mineral-based. Whatever your needs, use at least an SPF 15 for everyday, and higher for when you will be in the intense sun for longer periods of time.

Lighter skins are very susceptible to burns and other damage. Even darker skins can get damaged, but a lower SPF is usually sufficient.

You also need a product that will protect you from both UVA and UVB rays. In addition, most people don't put enough sunscreen on. The more, the better.

One myth about the sun is that it can clear up your skin by drying up acne. The sun does dry your skin, but it also makes it thicker. This accumulation of more cells can clog your pores, making your acne worse.

In the long run, the sun breaks down the structure of your skin, making it loose, leathery and marking it with wrinkles and sun spots. The deadliest thing about the sun is that it causes skin cancer. This form of cancer is no less dangerous than other kinds because it has the potential to kill. People have died from skin cancer.

No tan is healthy. But if you like the looks of one, there is a vast market of quality self-tanners. Or you could learn to appreciate your natural (protected) color—whatever it may be.

To soothe your skin, use aloe vera gel. Witch hazel is also known to be cooling. Chamomile is very gentle. At night time, use a soothing, all-natural cream or lotion to replenish lost moisture.

Drink lots of water every day. Hotter, drier weather requires more hydration. Sodas and sugary drinks will only dehydrate you more. Hydrating your inside will have a positive effect on your outside.

The safest, easiest way to protect your hair is to wear a hat. You can also find styling products—like gels and sprays—with sun protection and moisturizers. You may need to condition your hair more often. Protect it from chlorine and salt water by washing it immediately after with a soothing shampoo. Be gentle when brushing and avoid blow-drying or other heat styling tools.

If you are very sensitive to the sun or want another option for sun protection, there are specially-designed clothes with SPF built right into them. This is especially helpful if you will be out in the sun for long periods of time. Regular clothes are not very protective, especially when they become wet, because the sun's rays can still come through. The *Sun Precautions* company sells a variety of clothes with high SPF. You can call 800-882-7860 for a catalog, which also includes information on how to best protect yourself.

Have a fun and safe summer!

-Athena

Restaurant Review: *Maui Beach Cafe*

BY ASILKI JONES AND
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Staff Reporters

Our next culinary adventure led us to the Maui Beach Cafe, located across from Tower Records and the Gap on Westwood Boulevard. This refreshing oasis amidst the polluted streets of Westwood Village was recommended to us by some friends. The tropical atmosphere was graced with arched palm trees and other lush, exotic greenery, lava lamps and fresh orchids at every table. The waiters were clad in Hawaiian shirts and the music was eclectic, but not obnoxiously loud.

On the quiet Tuesday night we visited, there were only five other patrons besides our group. We ordered a Razz Berry passion Smoothie for \$3.95, which the waiter kindly divided into three glasses for us and our guest. The divided smoothie provided each of us with a healthy cup-full. The waiter served it to us before our meal, along with a lovely ceramic dish full of chilled soybeans. We enjoyed both the smoothie

and the beans very much. For our main entrees, we ordered Asian Vegetable Ramen for \$8.95, Nutty Garlic Shanghai Noodles for \$10.95 and Apple mango Twisted Chicken for \$10.95. Most other meat dishes ranged from \$10.95 to \$15.95.

The Asian Vegetable Ramen had shitake mushrooms, eggplant, soy beans, green onions, red bell peppers and carrots. Asilki rated it a yummy!, a 100 percent improvement rating from Scallions' vegetable lo mein (because of the amount and variety of vegetables). The presentation of the dishes was all very lovely. And although there were no leftovers, there was a substantial amount of food. Asilki was full.

The Nutty Garlic Shanghai Noodles had udon noodles, chicken, garlic, red bell pepper, green onions and soy beans, as well as some exotic nuts. Jasmine gave it a good+, because if you love garlic you'll like this dish but you won't love it.

The Apple Mango Twisted Chicken was served in a bowl of rice with various vegetables.

There was a spicy citrus glaze over the dish. This dish did look slightly larger than the others and she did have left-overs.

The Maui Beach Cafe is a wonderful date restaurant. It has atmosphere down to the table settings. However, it may seem a bit pricey if you're just a poor college student. Due to the price and lack of selection we did not order dessert. What it lacked in other areas, it made up for in atmosphere and service. Maui Beach Cafe has a superior atmosphere, yummy service, good to yummy food, with an eh? price. Overall, we give it a good+ or yummy - rating.

Happiness Scale

1=Ewww!

2=Eh?

3=Good

4=Yummy!

5=Superior!!

Observant Student

The

By Amanda
Prince

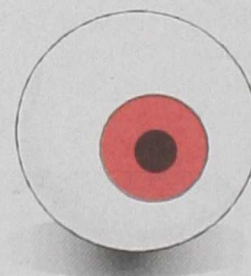
It's been brought up before, but I have to ask again: what about

the darn elevator permits? They all have expiration dates of at least two years ago. Do they not have to be inspected every year? Are the permits "on file"? Why can't anybody respond to that? The Brady elevator seems like a death trap, and I'd like to be assured that it's not!

What about admissions? Do they...distort the truth a little? I realize it's their job to get people enrolled but shouldn't they check their facts a little closer? A first-year student claims she was told by admissions that there were always guys up here from UCLA and USC. Right. The only guys up here are already someone else's! Granted, that's not incredibly important. But I was told there were all kinds of journalism classes offered. Okay, maybe in the catalog. Couldn't they just say they exist but they're never offered?

And then there's the question of graduation...Roscoe Bigler, the man of the year. I would have no issue with a male speaking for the graduating class if I were convinced the voting had been accurately conducted. However, as anyone versed in

political methods could point out, the election wasn't properly done—if it had been, a more representative speaker than the 40-something, Caucasian male, would have been elected. ASB claims it was up to the students to make sure ASB knew their correct addresses so that they could receive a ballot, and that the students didn't follow through. Regardless of the senior class's flakiness, it's up to ASB to make



sure the election is done properly, which they didn't. And what's this business with charging one hundred dollars for a videotape of graduation, and then only if fifty people place an order? Who did they get to film, Spielberg?

Word is, housing will be overcrowded once again. Another word is that the school is proposing to build a big gym. But no new dorms? Hmm. Maybe those little patches of land on either edge of the school's property could be used to erect tent cities; they could charge a

monthly land fee and rent out equipment. They could pipe hot water—oh, never mind. They haven't bothered to put hot water in Humanities, so why bother with the tent city? In the mornings, students could hike up the hill—even more opportunities for physical fitness at Mount St. Mary's.

Speaking of housing, it seems, after four years of being asked the question, administration still can't manage to break down the ambiguous "room and board" charge into separate housing and food charges. I'm sure many students are curious about just how much we're charged for our rooms and the cafeteria food, and maybe why it's so much.

On the brighter side of the Mount, the cafeteria's definitely made efforts to improve the food. We appreciate and recognize the efforts of the cafeteria. Keep up the good work! Also, Multicultural Night was GREAT! All the acts put on wonderful performances and we look forward to next year's show!

All the Observant Student's comments have been made in the interests of the school and its student body. Congratulations to the genuinely deserving faculty and students of Mount St. Mary's—have a wonderful summer!